



## More Chickasaw Graduates Inside

## Upcoming Events

### Global Family Reunion

June 6, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Chickasaw Cultural Center,  
Sulphur, Okla.  
(580) 622-7130

### GOURDget Class Ada with Dustin Mater

June 9, 6:30-8 p.m.  
Arts & Humanities Building,  
Ada, Okla.  
Contact: (580) 272-5520

### International Archives Day

June 9, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Chickasaw Cultural Center,  
Sulphur  
(580) 622-7130

### Pinch Pots Class

June 13, 1-3 p.m.  
Chickasaw National Capitol,  
Tishomingo  
(580) 371-3351

### Ishki' Ibaa-aabi (Paint with Mom)

June 13  
10 a.m.-Noon or 1-3 p.m.  
Arts & Humanities Building,  
Ada  
(580) 272-5520

### Emerson Family Reunion

June 13  
Mill Creek School Cafeteria  
Lunch served at 12:30 p.m.  
For questions, call Teresa  
Bolin at (580) 504-6844 or  
Deb Hook at (580) 618-1073

### Father's Day Celebration

June 13-14 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Chickasaw Cultural Center,  
Sulphur  
(580) 622-7130

### GOURDget Class Sulphur with Dustin Mater

June 16, 2-4 p.m.  
ARTesian Gallery & Studios,  
Sulphur  
(580) 622-8040



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Gov. Anoatubby announces initiatives at WinStar gathering

## Lodge to be built, benefits expanded for Chickasaw vets



Rendering of the Veterans Lodge to be built on the grounds of the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center.

THACKERVILLE, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation launched a major outreach in May to bring tribal veterans together and to offer new initiatives for veterans.

Governor Bill Anoatubby, speaking to Chickasaw veterans last month at a gathering at the tribe's WinStar World Casinos & Resort, unveiled the Chickasaw Warrior Society. The society will be comprised of retired and active duty military members with Chickasaw heritage. He also announced the tribe would build a 13,200 square-foot Veterans Lodge for them. He pledged an expansion of tribal benefits to Chickasaw veterans that will "reach out to our veterans across this country."

The lodge will be built on the grounds of the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center in Ada, Okla. The facility will provide a place for fellowship and gathering where Chickasaw veterans can enjoy fellowship and "swap a few stories," Gov. Anoatubby said.

Building the new structure at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center will enable veterans who seek medical services there easy access to the lodge.

Hundreds gathered May 18 at WinStar for a Chickasaw veterans conference. Gov. Anoatubby told those gathered for the first Chickasaw Veterans and Chickasaw Warrior Society meeting, the lodge would be a place for "comfort for our warriors and their families." More importantly, he said, it would "be a place for our veterans to gain access and resources that are available - and will be available - from the Chickasaw Nation in the future. It is an honor for the Chickasaw Nation to construct this lodge for Chickasaw Warriors and active duty personnel."

"The reputation of the Chickasaw warrior is legendary," Gov. Anoatubby said.

The ancient Chickasaw Nation, Gov. Anoatubby said, was known as a warrior nation. When required, Chickasaw women fought alongside men in battle and "they were fierce," he said. "They didn't take prisoners."

Small in number, the Chickasaws defended a large swath of their homelands and tribal territory from intruders and enemies, James R. Floyd, director of the Jack C. Montgomery Veterans Administra-

tion Medical Center in Muskogee, Okla., said. Not only did Chickasaws virtually own the Mississippi River, but history shows the tribe's frequent forays advanced into Arkansas, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama and even Illinois.

"For this reason, we encourage our Chickasaw Warriors and active duty personnel to join the Chickasaw Warrior Society," Gov. Anoatubby said. "A charter, a website and a logo are also in the works."

"Help us to serve you better. We are looking to do something special for Chickasaw veterans. Whatever we do can never repay the debt of gratitude we owe."

#### Did You Know?

Native Americans represent the largest percent per capita of any ethnicity of soldiers who have fought in military campaigns for America throughout history, according to James Floyd of the Veterans Administration. The Chickasaw Nation has more than 1,600 active duty military members, has a citizenship of more than 60,000, is the state's seventh-largest employer with more than 13,000 workers and is the nation's 12th-largest Native American tribe.

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logo!



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Provide your logo choice along with your name, military branch, unit number and number of years served. Vote now at [www.Chickasaw.net/WarriorSociety](http://www.Chickasaw.net/WarriorSociety).

Voting takes place through July 31.

## Governor updates citizens on tribe's endeavors

Hundreds of Chickasaws have gathered recently at community dinners in Irving, Texas, Durant, Okla., and Oklahoma City to discuss recent progress, services and benefits available to citizens as well as plans for the Chickasaw Nation's future.

During his remarks at the gatherings, Gov. Bill Anoatubby noted such meetings were very important.

"We have a great deal of information to share with you, but perhaps even more important is what you have to share with us," Gov. Anoatubby said. "Feedback at events like these has been the catalyst for many of our programs."

Gov. Anoatubby emphasized the link between economic development and programs and services. The Chickasaw Nation, he said, is operating more

than 280 programs designed to enhance the quality of life of Chickasaw people.

Gov. Anoatubby said that while federal, state and local governments depend on taxes to fund their budgets, the Chickasaw Nation does not.

"We utilize business revenues to fund tribal programs at no additional cost to the citizen," he said.

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Governor Bill Anoatubby visits with Chickasaw citizens at the recent Panola District Community Dinner in Durant, Okla.

## Ground broken on WinStar Convention Center



Gov. Bill Anoatubby, sixth from left, is joined by Chickasaw Nation and Manhattan Construction officials breaking ground April 29 on the new WinStar Convention Center. From left: Chickasaw Nation legislators Nancy Elliott, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Shana Tate-Hammond and Connie Barker; Gov. Anoatubby; tribal Supreme Court Chief Justice Mark Colbert; tribal legislator Tim Colbert; Chickasaw Nation Secretary of Commerce Bill Lance; tribal legislator Linda Briggs; and Manhattan Construction officials Xavier Niera and Chris Pribil. Photo by Jacquelyn K. Sparks.

THACKERVILLE, Okla. - Governor Bill Anoatubby, joined by officials and community members, broke ground April 29 on a new convention center at the tribe's WinStar World Casino & Resort.

Located on the southeast corner of the casino, WinStar Convention Center will enable casino officials to serve a greater number of businesses and organizations. The facility will host single- and multi-day

conventions, business trainings and luncheons, meetings and more.

"This new convention center is designed to meet the specific needs associated with conferences and conventions," Gov. Anoatubby said. "We believe this new facility will increase the already significant economic impact WinStar has on the local community and the Chickasaw Nation. It will attract businesses

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### Head Start, Senior Center, Community Center

## Construction to begin on Tishomingo District projects

TISHOMINGO, Okla. - Governor Bill Anoatubby led a ceremony celebrating the start of construction on the Chickasaw Nation Head Start, Senior Center and Community Center buildings in Tishomingo.

More than 200 Chickasaws, employees, local leaders and residents joined Gov. Anoatubby on a sunny May 12 afternoon for the groundbreaking at 812 East 6th Street in Tishomingo.

"Today, we are here to celebrate improvements in the way we offer services to our citizens," Gov. Anoatubby said. "This is a real milestone in our progress as a tribe, and our historic ties to Tishomingo make these milestones even more meaningful."

The new facilities will be built near the Chickasaw Nation Health Clinic and Wellness Center, which will create a campus atmosphere.

"We are building these facilities in close proximity to the wellness center, health clinic and senior center to provide easier access and make it more convenient for our citizens to access these services," Gov. Anoatubby said.

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## Expansion of burial assistance program includes more citizens

Governor Bill Anoatubby recently announced changes in the Chickasaw Nation tribal burial assistance program. The changes are designed to assist all Chickasaw citizens regardless of blood quantum, age or residency. Under the new program, assistance for citizens living outside the Chickasaw Nation is now a reality.

"As Chickasaws, we believe it is important to show our respect for our loved ones with a proper burial service," Gov. Anoatubby said. "This benefit will expand the program to help meet the needs of many more of our people during a very difficult time."

The grant will pay up to \$2,500 toward the final balance of the burial expense. Survivors must complete a burial assistance grant application at [www.chickasaw.net](http://www.chickasaw.net) and submit the required documentation listed on the application.

For questions or additional information, please contact Chickasaw Nation Social Services at (580) 310-6481.



Upcoming Events  
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**Movie Night at the Museums: Paddington**  
June 20, 8:30 p.m.  
Chickasaw National Capitol Grounds, Tishomingo  
(580) 371-9835

**Stomp Dance**  
June 20, 8 p.m.-1 a.m.  
Kullihoma  
(580) 622-7140

**Summer Solstice Celebration**  
June 20-21 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Chickasaw Cultural Center, Sulphur  
(580) 622-7130

**Mahota Studios**  
June 26, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.  
ARTesian Gallery & Studios, Sulphur  
(580) 622-8042

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In 1987, when Gov. Anoatubby was first elected, the Chickasaw Nation operated 33 programs and was dependent on the federal government for about 99 percent of the funding. Today, more than 280 valuable programs and services are available to the Chickasaw people. Tribal business revenues provide more than half of the funding for those services. Two new projects mentioned by Gov. Anoatubby involve honoring Chickasaw military veterans. He recently announced plans to construct a 13,000 square-foot Chickasaw Veterans Lodge on the campus of the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center in Ada. Additionally, the tribe is asking veterans and active duty personnel to join the Chickasaw Warrior Society. “We are pleased and honored

to construct the facility for Chickasaw veterans. Our tribe has a long history of fierce warriors,” Gov. Anoatubby said. “Those ancient warriors formed societies and, in keeping with tradition, we are encouraging all Chickasaws who have served their country to unite



Chickasaw artisans show children how to manufacture a cornhusk doll at community dinner festivities in Oklahoma City.



Governor Bill Anoatubby greets North Texas Chickasaws who turned out a large numbers at the community dinner in Irving, Texas, in May.

in the Warrior Society.” Plans were also announced to construct a community center and senior center in Oklahoma City. “In December, we purchased the 50 acres on which we are meeting,” he told the OKC gathering. “By securing this property, we have another place in the metro area to serve the Chickasaw people.” There was also discussion of the tourism initiative, which includes significant development in Murray

County, Oklahoma with the Chickasaw Cultural Center as the hub. “Tourism has been a very successful venture for us,” said Gov. Anoatubby. “Most of our tourism efforts are dual purposed - we are able to share information about the Chickasaw Nation while at the same time generating an economic return.” More than 350,000 guests have visited the Cultural Center since it opened in 2010, and more than 75,000 guests have stayed at the Artesian Hotel and Chickasaw retreat and Conference Center in the past year alone. The Chickasaw Nation emphasis on tourism will continue into the future with Johnston County, Oklahoma and Tishomingo being the focus.

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and other organizations from across the United States looking for a new venue for this type of event. The increased revenue from this facility will help provide funding for health care, education, housing and other services to help fulfill our mission of enhancing the overall quality of life of the Chickasaw people.” The new 65,000 square-foot facility will include a grand

ballroom with a seating capacity for up to 1,000 guests, a junior ballroom with seating for up to 700 people, three executive boardrooms, pre-function spaces to host before and after events, a kitchen for event catering, as well as additional spaces for employee offices and a break room. “This is an exciting, new phase for WinStar,” Chickasaw Nation Secretary of Commerce

Bill Lance said. “We look forward to serving south central Oklahoma in a greater capacity and enhancing the positive economic impact to the area.” Currently, construction is in the beginning phase with work being completed on utilities. The convention center was designed by Rees Associates, Inc., of Oklahoma City. Manhattan Construction Group will serve as general contractor.

Construction is expected to be complete in 2016. **About WinStar World Casino & Resort** With more games than any other casino in the world, WinStar World Casino & Resort offers more than 7,500 electronic games, 98 tables games, 46 poker tables, a 3,500-seat Global Event Center and the nearly 1,400-room WinStar World Casino Hotel.

Located just north of the Oklahoma/Texas border along Interstate 35, WinStar World Casino & Resort presents unrivaled gaming action 24 hours a day, seven days a week, world-class entertainers and a wide range of restaurants. For more information visit the WinStar World Casinos & Resort website at [www.winstarworld-casino.com](http://www.winstarworld-casino.com).

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**Senior Center** The 7,700 square-foot senior center will house an exercise room, craft room, computer room and safe room, along with a commercial grade kitchen and dining area. The new community center will replace the existing facility on Ray Branum Road. “People in this area have utilized the community center for a wide variety of events,” Gov. Anoatubby said. “While the existing facility has served its purpose, we believe it is time for an upgrade.”

**Community Center** With 8,200 square feet, the community center will feature a banquet room that will accommodate up to 150 people, as well as a full kitchen. The center will be equipped with a training room and an audio-visual system to support a wide variety of activities.

**Head Start** “The Chickasaw Nation is a strong advocate of lifelong learning,” Gov. Anoatubby said. “We believe our Head Start system does a great job of helping our young people prepare for their school years so they have a strong beginning for a lifetime of learning.” The new 12,000 square-foot

Head Start building will be more than four times the size of the current facility. It will include four classrooms, an indoor play room, safe room and a fenced outdoor playground. The Head Start facility will also include a commercial kitchen and large dining room.

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Rendering of the Community Center to be built in Tishomingo, Okla.

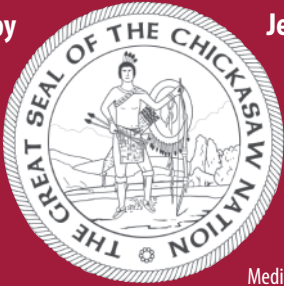


Governor Bill Anoatubby, center, is joined by Chickasaw Nation elected officials and Tishomingo dignitaries in breaking ground on three projects - new Chickasaw Nation Community Center, Head Start and Senior Center facilities. Joining Gov. Anoatubby are, from left, Chickasaw legislators Toby Perkins, Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Connie Barker, Tim Colbert; Tishomingo councilman Don Keel; Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel; Gov. Anoatubby; tribal legislators Scott Wood, Steve Woods, Nancy Elliott, David Woerz, Dean McManus, Mary Jo Green; Undersecretary of Tribal and Commercial Health Christopher Anoatubby; Secretary of Community Services Wayne Scribner; and Murray State College president Joy McDaniel. The ground breaking took place Tuesday, May 12. Photo by Marcy Gray.

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# ‘Greatest glory’ comes by getting back up after every fall



**GOV. BILL ANOATUBBY**

Governor, the Chickasaw Nation

“Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time after we fall.”

The storied history of the Chickasaw Nation might be synopsisized in that single Confucian thought.

The Chickasaw Nation was a functioning, effective, sovereign government many generations before American settlement. We are, and have always been, “a sovereign;” meaning, we have the right to govern our people.

Following the American Revolutionary War and the establishment of the new country, the tribes were recognized as sovereign within the U.S. Constitution. Even so, the push for new lands west of the Appalachians almost immediately put the Southeastern tribes at risk.

Chickasaw leaders continued to negotiate with the U.S. in hopes of holding encroaching settlers at bay. The “hand writing on the wall” became very clear when the Cherokee Nation sued in the U.S. Supreme Court to retain its lands. Even though the Court ruled in favor of the Cherokees, President Andrew Jackson responded, “[Chief Justice] John

Marshall made his decision; now let him enforce it.” Despite David Crockett’s (TN) arguments against the removal to Congress, the Indian Removal Act was passed on May 28, 1830.

Removal was not the first time Chickasaws experienced broken promises, destruction and wrongdoings from Europeans and early American settlers. We had been through plenty of battles prior to our initial removal in 1837 beginning with the Battle of Chicasa in 1541, Battle of Hikia’ (Ackia) in 1736 and the Red Sticks Creek War in 1813-14, to name a few. However, this event was a wrenching experience despite our leaders’ negotiations.

But, the Chickasaw people, as history indicates, picked themselves up from this experience and went to work establishing the new homeland in Indian Territory (present-day Oklahoma).

As we established our communities, schools, churches and businesses, more challenges loomed. With the last decade of the 19th Century came allotment of our tribal lands. This was followed in the early 20th Century by the unilateral attempted dissolution of our tribe by the federal government. Our tribal government continued under Federal rule until 1983. But these events represented more assaults from which we would once again pick ourselves up and start anew.

The Chickasaw people were (and are) extraordinarily resilient!

The Chickasaw Nation would hold together and persevere against more offensives throughout the first half of the 20th Century. There would be another dissolution attempt in the 1950s, a misguided federal program to relocate Indian citizens from their tribal homes to American cities, and a continued assault on our culture known as

the 1956 Indian Relocation Act. The tremendous poverty and lack of opportunity that existed added to the weight Chickasaws bore every time they had to pick themselves up again.

But a little light, and a little hope, began to shine through in the 1960s and 1970s as the U.S. finally began to recognize the importance of Indian self-determination. Our Chickasaw government had continuously functioned throughout the challenges, and now the federal government began to open its eyes to that fact. Maybe, the U.S. finally reasoned, it’s best for the Chickasaw Nation and the other tribes to utilize their own governments to figure out how best to serve their people. At last!

As you know, over the past almost 30 years the Chickasaw Nation has been the home to Chickasaw growth, opportunity, essential services and cultural enrichment. We have found our path to success and made it clear for future Chickasaw generations. We laid the bedrock for that path by picking ourselves up off the mat each time we had been knocked down.

Each of us can be thankful for the sacrifices of our Chickasaw ancestors, and proud of today’s Chickasaw Nation! And the greatest resource we have for our continued prosperity and happiness is holding this newspaper right now. It’s you! You, your family, your extended family and all Chickasaws across this country and around the world are the keys to our future as a vital, energetic and dynamic tribe.

We will no doubt face challenges in the future, and some may be daunting. However, we know from our history that Chickasaws have the will to rise up and keep walking that path together to a great future – for all Chickasaws!

## Chickasaw Nation Head Start Graduations

### Over 100 children graduate tribal Head Start centers

One hundred eighteen Head Start students from the Ada, Ardmore, Sulphur and Tishomingo Head Start centers were celebrated May 12 and 14 during graduation ceremonies.

Graduates sported graduation caps gowns reminiscent of traditional Chickasaw ribbon shirts. Graduates from each center opened the program with entertainment for family, friends, Chickasaw Nation leaders, teachers and center staff members.

Head Start Center supervisor Wes Brown opened the event by welcoming and thanking the families for attending. He introduced the Chickasaw Princesses Taylor Weems, Meagan Carney and Jazlyn Key, who performed a beautiful invocation of the Lord’s Prayer in sign language.

A special presentation was performed by each graduating class. Ada’s Head Start graduating class performed “Oklahoma,” The Chickasaw Color Song,”

“Graduation Day Poem” and “I’m Big.”

Head Start director Robert Pickens introduced legislators, Department of Education officials, Chickasaw Princesses and Head Start staff in attendance.

At the graduation ceremonies, Governor Bill Anoatubby and Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel greeted each child and presented each with a diploma.

“We support education in the Chickasaw Nation and we are

glad to see that everyone here supports education, too.” Mr. Pickens said.

The Chickasaw Nation Head Start is a center-based federal- and tribally-funded program that promotes the school readiness of children ages three to five. The Head Start philosophy is based on the principle that early childhood education should address children’s needs in all areas of development: physical, social, emotional and

cognitive.

The Chickasaw Nation Head Start program, focuses on providing skill appropriate services for all Head Start students. Enrollment preference is given to Native American and low-income families and children with disabilities.

For more information, please contact the Chickasaw Nation Education at (580) 421-7711.

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Row 3: Grayson Allen, Kallen Parenti, Thiago Martinez, Bryan Rios, Breanna Pitts and Dante Maya  
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6,000 square-foot facility will allow program expansion

# New Youth Club set to go up in Sulphur

SULPHUR, Okla. - Governor Bill Anoatubby led a May 19 ceremony heralding the start of construction on the Chickasaw Nation Sulphur Youth Club. Approximately 200 Chickasaws, employees, local leaders and residents joined Gov. Anoatubby for the groundbreaking on the new 6,000 square-foot building on West 18th Street in Sulphur.

“Programs offered by the Chickasaw Youth Club are intended to foster good character, to promote education and to encourage healthy lifestyles and career development,” Gov. Anoatubby said. “This new building will allow us to expand the programs even more.”

An after-school and summer learning center for students, ages five through 17, the Sulphur Chickasaw Youth Club



Governor Bill Anoatubby, center, is joined by Chickasaw Nation elected officials and Sulphur dignitaries to break ground on the Chickasaw Nation Sulphur Youth Club, Tuesday, May 19. Joining Gov. Anoatubby are, from left, Chickasaw Supreme Court justice Cheri Gordon, Sulphur City Manager Keith Mann, tribal legislators Dean McManus, Shana Tate-Hammonds, Nancy Elliott, and Tim Colbert; Gov. Anoatubby, Chickasaw Nation Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel; tribal legislator Scott Wood, tribal ambassador-at-large Neal McCaleb, tribal Secretary of Community Services Wayne Scribner; Colt Digby, executive officer of tribal youth services, Kent McKinley, Murray County Commissioner, and Ashlee White, director of tribal youth services. Photo by Jacquelyn Sparks.



and its youth programs have received tremendous interest from the community.

The new youth club building will house two open play areas and safe room, along with a commercial grade kitchen and dining area and a basketball court.

In addition to greater safety and comfort, this space will allow for development of additional activities for students.

“We are extremely excited about the possibilities this new youth club building represents,” Gov. Anoatubby said. “Any day we can do something positive for our youth is a blessed day.”

Some of these new endeavors will include a traditional Chickasaw stickball team, an archery team and a basketball performance team.

With locations in Tishomingo and Sulphur, Chickasaw Nation Youth Clubs’ mission is to promote and enhance the character development of boys and girls by instilling a sense of competence, usefulness, belonging and power through life enhancing programs.

Gov. Anoatubby recognized the administrators and teachers who fulfill the mission for the Chickasaw Youth Club every day.

“Your dedication to our students has given us a reason to build a new, bigger, building,” he said.

For more information about Chickasaw Youth Clubs, call (580) 559-0907 or visit [www.chickasaw.net](http://www.chickasaw.net)

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Gabby Nucossee rock climbing to the top of the COPE course at Hayaka Unta in Camp Simpson.

## Families enjoy nature and activities at Hayaka Unta

MILBURN, Okla. - Chickasaw families got away from everyday life and spent quality time together in the country at Hayaka Unta Camp, April 18-19 at Camp Simpson in Milburn.

Hayaka Unta allows families a chance to get away from everyday life and spend quality time with each other. The camp strengthens family bonds by getting away from some of life's distractions. Families who don't spend a lot of time outdoors regain respect and understand the beauty of nature again.

Tim Harjochee, Ada, attended the Hayaka Unta camp with his grandson Trey Wilson for the first time.

“I loved fishing and spending quality time with my grandson,” he said, “We ran many times during the scavenger hunt. It was tiring, but lots of fun.”

“I loved canoeing with my grandpa, it was great!” Trey said. “We didn't catch anything, but I loved fishing at Camp Simpson.”

Campers enjoyed canoeing, fishing, archery, rock climbing, stickball, and a family scavenger

hunt. Later in the evening, families gathered around the campfire for stomp dancing and a unique storytelling experience.

Hayaka Unta is offered twice a year, in spring and fall. Chickasaw youth are encouraged to submit applications in advance. Those who are not selected, will be placed on the waiting list for the next available opening. Applications are available online at [www.Chickasaw.net](http://www.Chickasaw.net).

For more information, contact the Chickasaw Nation Youth Services Department at (580) 310-6620 or visit [www.Chickasaw.net](http://www.Chickasaw.net).

**Camp Simpson**

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**Chickasaw Foundation announces Holisso: The Center for Study of Chickasaw History and Culture Fellowship application**

The Chickasaw Foundation has announced the 2015-2016 Holisso: The Center for Study of Chickasaw History and Culture Fellowship application. The fellowship is for Chickasaw students or persons interested in studying Chickasaw history and culture.

The one-week period of research is conducted at the Holisso: The Center for Study of Chickasaw History and Culture at the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur, Oklahoma. The fellowship will provide up to \$2,000 in expenses for room, board, hotel, airline tickets and other miscellaneous expenses for the selected applicant.

The deadline to submit the completed application is July 10, 2015.

For consideration of this fellowship, the applicant must meet the following:

- Pursuing a master's, doctoral or professional degree as a full-time student at an accredited graduate school in the United States or preparing an academic paper, book or presentation on Chickasaw history or culture.
- Able to demonstrate a financial need.
- A registered citizen of the Chickasaw Nation or a registered citizen of another tribe, Alaska, village or corporation.

For more information, contact the Chickasaw Foundation at (580) 421-9030 or [www.chickasawfoundation.org](http://www.chickasawfoundation.org).

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# Chickasaw Foundation Donor of the Month Capt. Edward L. Kruger

The Chickasaw Foundation's Donor of the Month is Capt. Edward L. Kruger.

Capt. Kruger was the first



Capt. Edward L. Kruger, the Chickasaw Foundation's Donor of the Month.

contributor to the Chickasaw Foundation. He dedicated his entire life to the Indian Health Service serving in Wyoming and Arizona before coming to Oklahoma. In 1970, he became the Service Unit Director at the outpatient clinic in Tishomingo, Oklahoma. He moved to

Ada when the Chickasaw Nation broke ground on the Carl Albert Indian Health Facility in February 1978. It opened in 1980. Capt. Kruger remained the hospital director until his death in 1990. He was the only man in the history of the Indian Health Service to plan, build, staff and operate a new Indian hospital.

Capt. Kruger was dedicated to helping the Chickasaw people receive the best possible health care. He took great pride when speaking about the

Chickasaw people and explaining how advanced their government and educational goals were from the time they were removed to Oklahoma. He believed the quality and pride in their

educational system was a key.

In 2003, the Chickasaw Foundation honored Capt. Kruger's memory by establishing the Edward L. Kruger Memorial Ittish Aaisha' Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded annually to a Chickasaw student enrolled in pharmacy school. To be eligible, a student must remain in full-time status and maintain a 3.0 grade-point average.

Capt. Kruger's widow, Mrs. Karen Kruger, continues to graciously supplement the scholarship annually to keep providing it to Chickasaw students.



Mrs. Karen Kruger, wife of the late Capt. Kruger.

# Employee Charitable Contribution Plan Champion of the Month Danielle Frazier

Danielle Frazier is the Chickasaw Foundation's ECCP Champion of the Month.

Ms. Frazier has graciously given to the Employee Charitable Contribution Plan since becoming an employee five and one-half years ago.

She is an administrative assistant in Arts & Humanities. In her free time, she enjoys reading, writing, and spending time with friends and family. Our appreciation goes out to Danielle for being a champion for the Chickasaw Foundation.



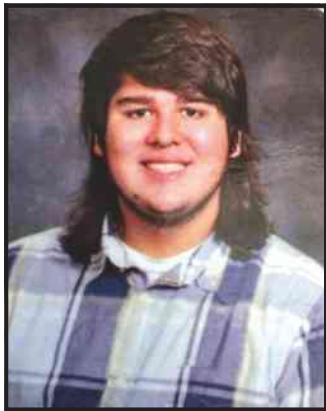
Danielle Frazier, Chickasaw Foundation's ECCP Champion of the Month.

## Chickasaw students represent numerous areas of the country, scholarly disciplines Foundation announces 12 scholarship, grant recipients

Kaelan Hutchings and Harlee Griffis are the spring 2015 recipients of the Chickasaw Foundation General Purpose Education Scholarship. Mr. Hutchings is a freshman at the University of Central Oklahoma majoring in general studies. Ms. Griffis is a freshman at Oklahoma Baptist University majoring in elementary education.



Harlee Griffis



Kaelan Hutchings

The Chickasaw Foundation is also pleased to announce the following recipients for the spring 2015 Chickasaw Foundation Grants:

Matthew Henry is a spring 2015 Chickasaw Foundation Grants recipient. He is a freshman at East Central University majoring in physics.



Miranda Wright



Matthew Henry

Miranda Wright is a spring 2015 Chickasaw Foundation Grants recipient. She is a sophomore at the University of Oklahoma pursuing a double major in radiological technology and health exercise science.

Ryan Rico, spring 2015 recipient of The Hill Group Scholarship. He is a freshman at the University of Oklahoma majoring in linguistics.



Lauren Warren-Fields



Ryan Rico

Lauren Warren-Fields, spring recipient of the Colbert "Bud" Baker Scholarship. She is a senior elementary major at Schreiner University.

Michaela Hazlett, spring 2015 recipient of the Chickasaw Foundation Grant is a junior nutrition major at Central Washington University.



Kelsey Landreth



Michaela Hazlett

Kelsey Landreth is a sophomore at Oklahoma State University majoring in communication science.

Celeste Brown is a spring 2015 Chickasaw Foundation Grants recipient. She is a senior at Rochester Institute of Technology majoring in sociology.



Emily Leader



Celeste Brown

Emily Leader, spring 2015 recipient of the Bill Fryrear Memorial Scholarship. She is a freshman at the University of Arkansas majoring in art education.

Ashley White, spring 2015 recipient of the Chickasaw Foundation Health Professions Scholarship. She is a freshman biology and pre-med major at Centenary College of Louisiana.



Jodee Morgan



Ashley White

Jodee Morgan is a recipient of the spring 2015 James & Carolee Cundiff Grants. She is a graduate student at Texas A&M University majoring in communication sciences and disorders.

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Application and provide an official high school or college transcript and schedule of classes.  
Applications are available at [www.chickasaw.net/highered](http://www.chickasaw.net/highered).  
For more information, contact education Services at (580) 421-7711.

## Foundation scholarship applications require submission

The Chickasaw Foundation offers a variety of scholarships. The Scholarship application is offered every year in early spring. The application lists available scholarships along with the criteria and amount. Scholarship funding begins with each fall semester and is dependent upon the availability of funding. Scholarship awards shall be made payable directly to

the student's designated college or university. Requirements and amounts for each funding source may change during the course of a school year.  
Scholarship applications and supporting documentation must be delivered or postmarked by June 5 to be considered for funding.  
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The application may be found on our website at [www.chickasaw-foundation.org](http://www.chickasaw-foundation.org).  
For more information, contact the Chickasaw Foundation at (580) 421-9030 or [ChickasawFoundation@chickasaw.net](mailto:ChickasawFoundation@chickasaw.net).



Hardison, Freeze, Vasquez, Martin, Nickell, Rhynes, Ryan

# Tribal directors, executive officers appointed

ADA, Okla. – Governor Bill Anoatubby has recently named seven Chickasaw Nation directors and executive officers.

## Eric Hardison

Eric Hardison, a Chickasaw citizen, was recently promoted to educator director of Fine Arts in the Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities Department.

“Mr. Hardison understands the important connection between fine arts education and the preservation of our culture and heritage,” Gov. Anoatubby said. “He is a great fit for this position because he brings experience, enthusiasm and commitment to his role in fulfilling our mission of enhancing the overall quality of life of the Chickasaw people.”

In his new position, Mr. Hardison will oversee programs and activities related to formal instruction of cultural and fine arts, with an emphasis on Chickasaw and other Southeastern Native American art. Many of these programs provide hands-on learning opportunities for youth and adults, including art class, Chickasaw Nation Summer Arts Academy, Youth Arts Month celebration, Chickasaw Children’s and Adult Choir and “mini-festivals” at area schools.

“I am excited about being appointed director of Fine Arts,” Mr. Hardison said. “I am thankful Gov. Anoatubby has a great vision and is acutely aware of the importance of the arts. He is passionate about the arts and has tasked us with growing and developing new programs that will reach artists of all ages.

“I feel blessed to work with leadership who realize the importance of art and its effects on our community and culture.”

A state certified educator, Mr. Hardison’s previously worked as an art teacher and coach at several area schools, including Latta, Roff, Atoka, Kingston and Wapanucka. He has also served the Chickasaw Nation as an art instructor and Fine Arts manager.

A native of Wapanucka, Mr. Hardison received a bachelor’s degree in art education from East Central University, where he was also a member of the East Central Tigers varsity basketball squad.

Mr. Hardison lives in Latta with his wife, Shawna and their three children, Cooper, Emma and Landry.



## Travis Freeze, Pharm. D.

Travis Freeze, Pharm. D., was promoted to Chickasaw Nation Pharmacy Services director late last year. In his new position he is responsible for overseeing an operation that dispenses 1.2 million prescriptions a year to Chickasaw citizens, Native Americans and Chickasaw Nation employees.

“Travis Freeze is a knowledgeable and conscientious professional dedicated to delivering exceptional health care services to Chickasaw citizens,” Gov. Anoatubby said. “He has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to his role in fulfilling our mission to enhance the overall quality of life of the Chickasaw people. He is an asset to the Chickasaw Nation.”

One of Mr. Freeze’s primary job duties is to ensure all pharmacy staff members are equipped with the tools they need to best serve patients.

“We want patients to enjoy their interactions with the Pharmacy Department and we are always looking for better ways to serve our patients,” Mr. Freeze said.

“I consider it an honor to be selected for this position. Working for the Chickasaw Nation and Governor Anoatubby has been a blessing for me and my family that I am grateful for every day. The greatest part of my job is my co-workers. They all take a servant approach and really strive to take care of all our patients.”

Chickasaw Nation pharmacies are located in Ada, Ardmore, Purcell and Tishomingo. The Chickasaw Nation Pharmacy Department also offers inpatient pharmacy services to Chickasaw Nation Medical Center patients. The Chickasaw Nation Pharmacy Refill Center offers mail-order pharmacy services to Chickasaw citizens living across the United States, as well as the Medical Assistance Program (MAP) for all Chickasaw patients.

A native of Prague, Okla., Mr. Freeze earned a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Weatherford.

He recently earned a master’s of business administration degree from Oklahoma Christian University, Edmond.

Mr. Freeze’s service to the Chickasaw Nation began in 2007.

He lives in Ada with his wife and three children.



## Tracey Vasquez

Chickasaw citizen Tracey Vasquez, a tenured tribal professional, was recently named director of the Purcell Health Clinic in Purcell, Okla..

“Mrs. Vasquez has the experience, education and dedication needed to fulfill the responsibilities of this position,” Gov. Anoatubby said. “For more than a decade she has played an active role serving our citizens and working diligently to help fulfill our mission to enhance the overall quality of life of the Chickasaw people.”

As director, Mrs. Vasquez manages and directs the day-to-day operations and health care programs of the Purcell Health Clinic. She strives to ensure coordinated health care delivery is based on consistent policies and procedures.

“It is an honor to be appointed as the director of the Chickasaw Nation Purcell clinic,” Mrs. Vasquez said. “It is a great privilege to be a part of such an exceptional team. I am very thankful to Governor Anoatubby and the Chickasaw Nation for allowing me the opportunity to serve, not only our Chickasaw Citizens, but all Native Americans.”

A native of Tishomingo, Okla., Mrs. Vasquez earned an associates degree in business administration/office technology from Murray State College, Tishomingo; a bachelor’s degree in psychology from Southeastern Oklahoma State University; a master’s degree in human resource administration and a master’s degree in vocational rehabilitation counseling, both from East Central University.

Her Chickasaw Nation career path began in 2002 when she accepted a part-time position in the legislative office. She has also served in the tribal Vocational Rehabilitation department, with the Upward Bound program, and as Durant and Purcell Health Clinic manager.

Mrs. Vasquez has also served as an East Central University academic counselor.

She is grateful of the Chickasaw Nation’s support in her educational pursuits.

“The Chickasaw Nation helped me with my education,” she said. “I would not have been able to continue my education without the tribe’s support.”

Mrs. Vasquez lives in Purcell with her husband, Israel. The couple has five children and two grandchildren.



## Drue Martin

Drue Martin was recently promoted to Chickasaw Nation Department of Health director of Facility Management.

“Drue Martin is committed to his role in delivering high-quality health care services to all Chickasaw citizens,” Gov. Anoatubby said. “His experience in the planning and construction of our health department facilities makes him well-suited for this position.”

Mr. Martin’s job duties include overseeing daily operations including maintenance, environmental services, medical equipment maintenance (Biomedical Engineering) and switchboard operations of all Chickasaw Nation health care facilities, including Chickasaw Nation Medical Clinic, Ada; the medical clinics in Ardmore, Purcell and Tishomingo; the Chickasaw Wellness Centers, Ada, Ardmore, Tishomingo and Nutrition Service Centers, Ardmore and Ada.

Mr. Martin’s tenure with Chickasaw Nation Department of Health began in 2010. He served on the project team for the Joint Venture Ardmore and Tishomingo Clinic construction projects.

“We take pride in maintaining our facilities for patients on every level, from scheduling an appointment over the phone, to making sure the air is just right when patients are at a facility seeking treatment or service,” Mr. Martin said. “It is a privilege to be appointed director of these vital services. I am looking forward to this opportunity.”

A lifelong Ada resident, Mr. Martin earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration from East Central University in 2003.

He spent four years in the mortgage and lending industry prior to accepting a position at Chickasaw Nation procurement in 2007.

In 2008, Mr. Martin led the furniture planning committee for the Chickasaw Medical Center construction project. He was promoted to assistant director of Facility Management prior to the appointment of director of Facility Management for the Department of Health.

He lives in Ada with his wife, Bambi, and two daughters, Chloe and Averi.



## Laura Nickell

Laura Nickell, a Choctaw citizen, was promoted to Chickasaw Nation Medical Center Outpatient Clinics executive officer after serving as director of ancillary services and utilization management. She served in the position five years.

Her new job will be working with processes to ensure the clinics are providing “the very best care possible, to help care providers meet the needs of those patients and making sure the proper people are seeing our patients in a timely manner,” Ms. Nickell said.

Gov. Anoatubby said Ms. Nickell was well suited to the position.

“Laura Nickell understands that quality customer service is a vital aspect of quality health care,” Gov. Anoatubby said. “She also understands what it takes to ensure our patients have the best experience possible while under the care of our health care providers.”

Ms. Nickell said she had witnessed tremendous growth in the Chickasaw Nation Department of Health.

“It is my honor and a privilege to be a part of that growth and that team,” she said. “We have a great team here. Our leadership team is focused on care and a servant’s heart. It makes me feel good that I am a part of that team.

“We never imagined in our wildest dreams we’d be where we are right now. It is a blessing our patients and our citizens trust us to keep returning for their health care. We want to make sure our hospital meets their needs better than anywhere else they could go.”

Ms. Nickell is keeping some of her former duties, but is taking on dental, vision, pediatrics, radiology and a host of other new duties as well. In March, she celebrated 11 years with the Department of Health. She has spent more than 20 years in health-related fields. She earned her bachelor’s degree in health information management from East Central University in 1996 and is working on a master’s in business from Oklahoma Christian University.

The Ada resident is the mother of two sons, Buckey and Josh. She also has four granddaughters, Rhyle, Autumn, Jolie and Kylee, and a grandson, Shade.

“I am fortunate to have a very health family and I am humbled to come to work each day at a job I love performing,” she said.



## Tim Rhynes

Veteran employee Tim Rhynes has been appointed Planning and Organizational Support executive officer.

Mr. Rhynes’ new duties will include multifaceted areas of responsibility spanning several departments of the Chickasaw Nation.

“Tim Rhynes is well suited for the variety of responsibilities this position involves,” Gov. Anoatubby said. “His experience as a manager and budget analyst as well as his understanding of the importance of long-term planning in achieving our mission, make him a good fit for this position.”

Mr. Rhynes began his Chickasaw Nation career as budget analyst. He earned a degree in business administration with finance concentration from East Central University in 1989. He is a lifelong Ada resident and a Latta High School graduate. He also earned a degree in biblical studies in 1991 from Southwestern College of Christian Ministries, Bethany, Okla. He served as youth minister of Pentecostal churches in Shawnee, Stratford and Ada just before joining the Chickasaw Nation.

When the tribe called in 1992, “I thought ‘I like it here. I’ll probably spend three years here’,” Mr. Rhynes said. “Now, 22 years later, I wouldn’t entertain the notion of working for anyone other than the Chickasaw Nation.

“We’ve come a long way in 22 years.”

He has held a number of accounting-related positions with the tribe. Before being promoted to his current job, he served as President of Sovereign Communications Solutions, LLC.

The limited liability company was established by the Chickasaw Nation to “preserve the tribe’s sovereignty involving contracts, particularly with today’s social media applications,” Mr. Rhynes explained.

Mr. Rhynes and his wife, Becky, reside east of Ada. She is a counselor at Washington Elementary School. The couple has two children, Addison, 18, a senior at Ada High School, and Garrett, 15, a freshman at Ada.





# Appointments

## Yvette Ryan

Chickasaw citizen Yvette Ryan has been appointed director of Medisaw Referrals and Purchased Care for the Chickasaw Nation Department of Health.

“Yvette Ryan is dedicated to helping meet the healthcare needs of the Chickasaw people,” Gov. Anoatubby said. “She has the skill and wide-ranging experience needed to serve the Chickasaw people well in this position.”



Mrs. Ryan worked as a social worker in acute care for 14 years. She has a strong desire to help others. She recently celebrated 15 years with the Chickasaw Nation. Mrs. Ryan operated as a social worker until she became the manager of MAPS (Medical Assistance Program).

In her new position, Mrs. Ryan will oversee Medisaw referrals and purchased care, to ensure the programs are operated efficiently and Chickasaw citizens receive the highest quality care.

Her overall goal is to see to that patients' medical referral needs are being met, which in turn enhances their overall quality of health.

“I feel sincerely blessed in my new appointment,” Mrs. Ryan said. “I feel blessed to be employed with the Chickasaw Nation.”

Mrs. Ryan earned her bachelor's degree in social work at East Central University in Ada. Later in life she returned to ECU to complete a master's degree in human resources and administration.

She resides in Ada with her husband, Stewart, and their children, Wyatt and Brooklyn.

## 1700s beadwork exhibit at Chickasaw Cultural Center

SULPHUR, Okla. - “1700s Beadwork of Southeastern Tribes,” an exhibit featuring historic Chickasaw and Southeastern beadwork, opened May 23 at the Chickasaw Cultural Center.

The exhibit contains examples of beadwork from pre-European contact, including 200-year-old artifacts. Items will on display in the Holisso Center on the Cultural Center campus through November.

For more information, contact the Chickasaw Cultural Center at (580) 622-7130 or visit [www.ChickasawCulturalCenter.com](http://www.ChickasawCulturalCenter.com).

## Enoch Kelly Haney featured ARTesian Gallery artist

SULPHUR, Okla. - The ARTesian Gallery & Studios presents Enoch Kelly Haney Art of the Nakfi'talhalha'pi'series “Five Brothers.” The exhibit series features artists from the Five Civilized Tribes. The Enoch Kelly Haney exhibit will open until July 7. The ARTesian Gallery & Studios is at 100 W. Muskogee Street in Sulphur. Gallery hours are Monday 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Tuesday-Friday 8 a.m.-7 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

For more information, contact the ARTesian Gallery & Studios at (580) 622-8042.

## Father’s Day at CCC

SULPHUR, Okla. - Spend this Father's Day enjoying time with Dad while visiting the Chickasaw Cultural Center June 20-21. Fathers will receive free admission to the Chikasha Poya Exhibit Center, complimentary cookies and tea in the Aaimpa' Café and special sales in the gift shops.

The Chickasaw Cultural Center is located at 867 Cooper Memorial Drive in Sulphur. Open daily Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday, Noon.-5 p.m.

For more information, please contact Chickasaw Cultural Center at (580) 622-7130.

## Chickasaw Nation Youth Clothing Grant program accepting applications July 1

Chickasaw citizens ages three to 18 (through high school seniors) are eligible to apply for the \$200 clothing grant once per school year. Funds are distributed in the form of a VISA gift card. The grant should be used for used for clothing purchases only.

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*Additional program details can be found at [www.chickasaw.net/ysclothinggrant](http://www.chickasaw.net/ysclothinggrant)*

**For more information or to obtain an application, contact Youth Services at (580) 272-5585 or [clothinggrantprogram@chickasaw.net](mailto:clothinggrantprogram@chickasaw.net).**

# Chickasaw Nation Medical Center recognizes nurses of the year

The Nurse of the Year Awards for 2014-2015 were highlighted during Nurses Week, May 4-8 at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center in Ada, Okla. Four nurses were recognized for their outstanding achievements in their field.

## Inpatient Nurse of the Year      Outpatient Nurse of the Year



Robin Frederickson, RN- Surgery Center



Kayla McCullough, LPN- Internal Medicine Clinic

## Nurse Manager of the Year      Rising Star Award



Kathryn Walck, RN- Specialty Clinic



Keisha Goodson, LPN- Specialty Clinic

# Tribe hosts Oklahoma Historical Society annual conference

SULPHUR, Okla. - “If you build it, they will come” may be more than just a line from a classic movie.

Chickasaw Nation. Many guests stayed at the Artesian and others stayed at the Chickasaw Retreat and Conference Center, located within the Arbuckle Mountain range near Sulphur.

ability to actually govern ourselves has brought us to where we are today.”

Income from those businesses is carefully allocated to serve the people. Some is reinvested into the business to grow it; some is invested in acquiring other businesses. Much of it, Gov. Anoatubby said, is dedicated to tribal government which operates the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center, wellness clinics, housing, roads, senior sites and education, among other programs that benefit Chickasaws.

“We need the earnings of these businesses to run our government, but it’s not just about us,” Gov. Anoatubby said. “Economic development filters over and helps other people as well. In our case, this is done intentionally and it’s important we have good partners.”

The annual economic impact of the Chickasaw Nation on Oklahoma is estimated at \$2.4 billion in a 2011 study by Oklahoma Christian University. The study is being updated this year and that figure is expected to increase.

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Governor Bill Anoatubby addresses Oklahoma Historical Society conferees at the Artesian Hotel.

The Oklahoma Historical Society’s annual conference was a record-breaking event at the tribe’s Artesian Hotel in late April. It marked the first time since 1985 the conference was “sold out. We (the Historical Society) could not have accommodated one more person,” according to historical society officials.

“It could not have happened without the support of the Chickasaw Nation. It opened its doors and heart and helped us pull together all the resources (we needed),” Bob Blackburn, Oklahoma Historical Society president said.

The Chickasaw Cultural Center was honored by the state group. It was named “Outstanding Regional Historical Complex.” Chickasaw Nation Secretary of Culture and Humanities Lisa John accepted the award on behalf of the Chickasaw Nation. Mr. Blackburn presented the award April 24 at the conclusion of the two-day conference.

Governor Bill Anoatubby delivered the keynote address on the opening day of the conference, welcoming hundreds of historians, authors, society members and history aficionados to the

Act of 1975, the tribes have seen steady growth with businesses ranging from tourism and gaming to energy and even science and technology.

Only by tribes deciding what is best for its people, Gov. Anoatubby said, do Native people prosper long term. When he was introduced, it was noted Governor Anoatubby was one of a total of approximately 30 tribal employees in 1975. When it was announced the Chickasaw Nation was one of the largest employers in the state - with more than 13,000 workers - the banquet hall broke into a huge round of applause.

“Today, we operate around 100 businesses and have an organization with very talented people who do a very good job,” Gov. Anoatubby said. “The



Chickasaw Nation Secretary of Culture and Humanities Lisa John accepts an award from Oklahoma Historical Society President Bob Blackburn naming the Chickasaw Cultural Center an Outstanding Regional Historical Complex.



One great thing about visiting California is the home-grown lemons!

Rain, Rain, go away come again another day... This gives you a hint of what's been happening around our part of the country! Tremendous amounts of rain and storms but thankfully, damage has been minimal. We are still here and the Chickasaw Nation continues to flourish. Even through wind and rain and weather, our seniors continue to fellowship. The Day before the Elder's Conference, Chickasaw Nation hosted their first Veteran's Conference. It was nice to see many of our veterans in attendance. The information shared was good and the fellowship that took place among the participants was inspiring to witness.

Winstar World Casino once again hosted this year's Elders Conference. In addition to the Meeting, participants enjoyed spending the night in luxury at the hotel adjacent to the Casino. Our Elders enjoyed exercising their gaming opportunities as well!

The North Texas Area enjoyed a Chickasaw Community Dinner gathering in mid-May. It was a great opportunity for citizens in the Dallas-Ft. Worth Metroplex, Arlington and surrounding suburbs to attend a Tribal function and learn about programs and services. It was also exciting to have a Community Dinner and Programs Gathering happen down in our area. The Choctaw Convention Center/ Ballroom was the location and Chickasaw citizens from the Panola District had a chance to attend. Tribal Employees once again did a great job, sharing valuable resource information and providing free handouts.

The month of June provides all kinds of activities. For Teachers it represents freedom from the classroom, maybe vacation time for families and for Chickasaws it is the month for tribal elections. Please take the time to participate in the election process. Your participation is your voice.

"And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." Hebrews 10:24-25

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Plenty of groundbreaking throughout the Chickasaw Nation

Chokma and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District. Congratulations to all Chickasaw graduates! Best of luck to you whether you plan to further your education or enter the working world.

May has been a busy month with several ground breakings. We broke ground for a new entertainment center at Winstar. All you who go to concerts and other stage shows will find it to be bigger and better than the current stage. Of course, it will be the largest and nicest venue in the Chickasaw Nation.

We also broke ground for the Purcell Healthy Lifestyle building which will house the workout equipment and swimming pool for water aerobics. We are also adding onto the Health Clinic and erecting buildings for the Area Office and new senior nutrition site located on the same campus.

We also broke ground in Tishomingo for the new Area Office and Information Center. Tishomingo will have a very nice campus when all the construction is done.

Congratulations to the Chickasaw Hall of Fame inductee Rose Jefferson and to her family - the Shields family. Rose and family were one of our first families who enrolled at the Stonewall site in 1980 and at the Ada site in 1982. Congratulations also to Hall of Fame inductee Jeff Frazier and his family. Jeff was a mainstay in the Ada Chickasaw community for many years and was (is) well loved by all who met him. We miss him very much. The annual Hall of Fame Banquet was postponed at the last minute this year due to flooding rains and terrible thunderstorms and tornadoes. As of the time of writing this article, it had not yet been reset.

In the May Legislative Session, we approved the purchase of land in Tishomingo to add to our Capitol grounds and in McClain County to add to our Purcell campus. We also approved Marshall County to show a likeness of the Great Seal of the Chickasaw Nation in their courthouse. The display will commemorate the respect, admiration and cooperation that the Chickasaw Nation and Marshall County share as neighbors in Oklahoma. We also enacted changes in language of the Chickasaw Nation Code regarding the burial policy.

It's almost time for the annual elections for 2015. I encourage all you Chickasaw voters to make sure you vote this year!

Chi ihullo li! I would love to hear from you. My email address is mary.green@chickasaw.net and my address and telephone number are listed elsewhere in this and every issue of the Chickasaw Times and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. Until next time, I wish God's blessings on all of our people.

Thank you. Chipisala'cho!



BETH ALEXANDER

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Education, School-to-Work, Intern programs propel our students

Chokma, Chinchokma, Hello, how are you? The Chickasaw Nation has many programs geared toward young people to allow them to get real work experience while getting an education. The School-to-Work Program provides eligible participants the opportunity to pursue higher educational goals full-time while receiving full-time pay and benefits. Participants must actively pursue an educational or vocational degree while employed. During the program, participants also fulfill all requirements and responsibilities of their on-the-job training. To be eligible, a person must be residing within the Chickasaw Nation boundaries. Eligible applicants may apply at www.CN.JobSearch.com once an advertisement for vacancies has been posted.

Another program designed to give our young people that valuable work experience is the Internship Program. Focused on educating young Chickasaw leaders in government, community and business relationships, the Chickasaw Nation Internship Program provides motivated college-age students with a first-hand view of what it takes to be highly effective ambassadors and real-world problem solvers.

This program trains students to become strong, knowledgeable leaders for the future. It provides opportunities for a student ambassador to build bridges, one relationship at a time, in an effort to address issues facing the Chickasaw Nation. Internship opportunities are dependent on availability and acceptance into the program. This program is available to all Chickasaw college-age youth.

A person in my family, who has had the privilege of participating in both the School-to-Work and Internship programs, is Andrea Teodor. Andrea is a Chickasaw citizen who grew up in Columbus, Georgia. Upon graduating high school, she moved to Oklahoma to live with her grandparents and enroll in some of the wonderful programs available to help her get her education. She has been attending East Central University for the last two years working on a Business degree.

Last year, as an Intern, she was given the opportunity to work in the Office of Personnel Management in Washington, D.C., for a six-week period. She gained much valuable experience living and working in a metropolitan area. In the School-to-Work program, she is employed by the Chickasaw Nation. Her job includes marketing and retail experience at our businesses. She sometimes inventories, stocks, designs displays, and much more at different locations, which gives her real world experience for the future. By the time she graduates with a Business degree, she will have gained that valuable experience all employers look for, but many young people have not yet attained.

Andrea is a very good student. In addition to receiving many grants from the Chickasaw Nation to help her attain her education, she was also awarded a scholarship from East Central University at a special awards ceremony for Business students. We are very proud of what Andrea has accomplished and are so grateful for the Chickasaw Nation! Let me encourage all young people to take advantage of the opportunities made available to you as young Chickasaws. Set goals for your life and become lifelong learners. We are here to help you become all you want to be. Please let me know if I can help you in any way! Chipisala cho anowa, Until I see you again, Nancy Nancy.Elliott@Chickasaw.net, 580-399-4374

When you take time to vote, you are honoring the efforts of our ancestors

Make Your Voice Heard - VOTE! How many of you vote each year in our tribal elections? Your local or state elections? A very real statistic within our tribe is that only about 30% of our citizens who are registered to vote actually exercise that right to vote in tribal elections. We appreciate each and every voter, but we need to increase the number of voters in every district.

After Oklahoma became a state in 1907, the Bureau of Indian Affairs no longer recognized our Constitution and they began appointing our Governors for us. It wasn't until the 1970s that we re-established a tribal legislature. The United States Government finally recognized our Constitution and it was re-written and put into place in 1983. This is the same Constitution which we live by today. Please don't let the efforts of our ancestors be for naught. Please encourage all your relatives to vote in each and every election. Let's not forget our new voters - those who have recently turned 18. Voter registration forms can be found at www.chickasaw.net. You may also contact the office of the Election Secretary at (580) 310-6411 or (888) 661-0137.

Voter registration closes July 6, so be sure to get your application in prior to that date.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever. ~ 1 Chronicles 16:34.



SHANA HAMMOND

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Many educated Chickasaws give back to the tribe following graduation

Chokma! Greetings from the Tishomingo District! Graduation season just ended for many high school students. This is an exciting time in these young peoples' lives, full of hope, goals and dreams for a bright future.

Fortunately, our Chickasaw students have many opportunities available for education assistance, which makes their future goals more attainable.

Scholarships and grants are available from the Chickasaw Nation Education Department, as well as the Chickasaw Foundation.

The Foundation offers a wide variety of scholarships to students who excel in academics, community service, dedication to Native Americans and a commitment to learning. Students, regardless of where they live, who are pursuing undergraduate, graduate or doctoral degrees from an accredited college or university, are eligible to receive support.

Though support from our tribe in the form of educational scholarships, hundreds of Chickasaw citizens have been able to pursue higher education and training and have gone on to successful careers.

There are Chickasaws all around the country who represent our tribe in the fields of medicine, law, education, the arts or science. Many of these citizens return to work for our tribe in an effort to contribute to the Chickasaw Nation's success and to enhance the lives of Chickasaw citizens.

Still others contribute to the Chickasaw Foundation scholarship fund, so others may have the great opportunities in which they were given.

Through these types of giving back, Chickasaw citizens are working to fulfill the Chickasaw Nation mission "to enhance the lives of Chickasaw citizens."

Our tribe is very blessed. Governor Anoatubby supports and encourages education opportunity for all, therefore we invest in and support our youth, which will benefit us all in the future and keep our tribe resilient.

For more information education grants and scholarships, including guidelines, available scholarships and application deadlines, contact the Chickasaw Nation Department of Education Services at (580) 421-7711 or the Chickasaw Foundation at (580) 421-9030.

As always, thank you for allowing me to serve as your representative on the Chickasaw legislature. It is a privilege and an honor to serve you.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. Chokma'shki, Tim Colbert Tim.Colbert@chickasaw.net 580-421-7242

New facilities in Purcell, Tishomingo will accommodate great programs

Chokma, I hope all is well with you and your family. The school year is over, and I want to offer congratulations to all the graduates. You may be preparing to further your education or begin the career you have been working towards; whichever path you choose, I wish you the best as you enter this new chapter in your life.

Our mission of enhancing the quality of life for Chickasaw people is always our focus, and we are making great progress. We recently broke ground at the Purcell campus to start the Health Clinic expansion, the new Area Office, and the new wellness center. We also celebrated the start of construction in Tishomingo at our 6th Street campus on the new Chickasaw Nation Head Start, Senior Center, and Community Center. These projects are bringing important programs and services to our Chickasaw elders, children, and citizens as well as adding jobs in both locations.

The Oklahoma City Chickasaw Community Council is hosting their summer picnic June 13 at the Devon Boat House. If you are in the area, please come join us for a great afternoon of fellowship and fun on the Oklahoma City River.

As I write this, the Chickasaw Cultural Center celebrates Armed Forces Day, and preparations are being made for the Chickasaw Veterans Conference and Warrior Society kick off at Winstar World Casino. I sincerely appreciate our Chickasaw veterans and active duty military for their service that has afforded the freedom and opportunities we all have today.

I would love to hear from you. Please contact me with your concerns, needs or questions. I am here to help. May God bless you and your family.

Toby Perkins, Legislator Pontotoc District, Seat 1 580-399-2606 toby.perkins@chickasaw.net

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

TOBY PERKINS

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature





Horticultural Department’s system saves spaces, produces great produce

I hope everyone has had a wonderful spring! Summer will be here soon and that means fresh fruits and vegetables. If you get a chance, get in touch with the Chickasaw Nation Horticultural Department. They can give you some great ideas on gardening for the summer or fall. Last year I wrote an article on the container gardening system that requires very little watering. This system uses two containers



SCOTT WOOD

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature



one inside another which allows for very little water wastage. This contained system is great for people who do not have the time or the space for a traditional garden. This system worked well for me last year, so I opted to do it again this year (see picture above). The Chickasaw Nation Horticultural Department services several areas of the Chickasaw Nation with fresh vegetables and plants. They also have a program

through the Chickasaw Farms in which citizens can obtain a wide variety of trees, shrubs, plants, and sod. This program is available to all citizens of the Chickasaw Nation, no matter where you live. They can be reached at (580) 559-0888. We recently broke ground for a new Chickasaw Head Start, Senior Site, and Community Building in Tishomingo. In addition, we also broke ground for a new Chickasaw Nation Youth Club in Sulphur. These are much needed facilities for both areas in the Tishomingo District. This is another remarkable example of how the Chickasaw Nation places an emphasis on the two most important aspects of our tribe, Chickasaw youth and our elders. We have many great programs and opportunities within the Chickasaw Nation and continue to add more to enhance the overall quality of life for Chickasaw people.

Anowa chipisala’cho, (Until I see you again)  
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Choosing the road less traveled has paid big dividends for Chickasaws!

There is a poem by the late American poet Robert Frost titled “The Road Not Taken.” The last lines of the poem are, “Two roads diverged in a wood, and I took the one less traveled by, And that has made all the difference.”



DAVID WOERZ

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

When I read these lines, I couldn’t help but think of our Chickasaw Nation. We have come so far, and we have done so by often choosing the road less traveled! I think that represents an incredibly important distinction about the Chickasaw Nation. As a Southeastern tribe removed from our homelands in the 1830s, our tribe and our people have faced tremendous adversity. We all know the history, and how much our ancestors endured during those earlier times. Those trying times helped shape our tribe. We learned how to successfully navigate a new world full of unfamiliar terrain. We went through some trial-

and-error experiences for sure, but our experiences toughened us and helped prepare us for what was to come. After Gov. Anoatubby was first elected in 1987, we truly began to grasp the benefits of choosing that “road less traveled.” The Chickasaw Nation, like all federally-recognized tribes at that time, saw virtually all its funding come from the federal government. Those funds were inadequate to properly serve the Chickasaw people. So Gov. Anoatubby, after careful study, led the tribe into the modern age of American business. This was a new and innovative approach to serving the people. Our leadership was willing to choose a new path for our tribe, and thank goodness for that! The Chickasaw Nation today is likely the most prosperous tribe in the country. Benefits of quality tribal government flow to the people, and those benefits continue to grow for Chickasaws everywhere. Almost 30 years ago, we chose a path that was not precisely straight and was overgrown from lack of use. And thank goodness we did! I’m proud to serve you as your Pickens District legislator. We have more great years ahead of us!

History of Kali Homma presented in 1932 Harlow’s Weekly article

Hello Everybody, As always, the recent gathering at Kullihoma was wonderful! Seeing our people demonstrating traditional activities like playing stickball, making cornhusk dolls and bows and arrows, and cooking Pashofa on those sacred grounds really creates a portal for connecting with and appreciating our past. I feel a little like a time traveler when I go to festival at Kullihoma.



KATIE CASE

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

I love reading and learning about Kullihoma and want to share with you an article about Kullihoma as it appeared in a 1932 edition of Harlow’s Weekly. The article is titled, “The Story of Kali Homma” By H.R. Antle and is long enough that more of the article will have to wait until next month. Trust me, though, it will be worth the wait. The Story of Kali Homma Only a muddy trickle of spring water marks the former location of a once famous spring. All the romance and splendor of bygone days has long ceased to be. Kali Homma is fast becoming a myth in the memory of man. Hundreds of thousands of years ago the monsters of that time sought these waters to slake their thirst.

The waters were mighty and carried with them a great deposit of mud and sand, a fine substance capable of engulfing the creature so unfortunate at to venture upon the false surfaces. It was in 1924 the fossilized remains of Mamut Americanum, the mastodon, were taken from the mud of the springs, giving indications as to the antiquity of the locality. One of the teeth of this beast is in the museum of East Central Teachers’ College. Kali Homma received its name by the Chickasaw Indians settling in its locality. The words mean Red Springs and grew out of a mythical reddening of the waters before the approach of a storm. Lying near the present town of Steedman, Pontotoc County, the locality of Kali Homma was in the original Choctaw allotment. In 1837 the Chickasaws were removed from their homes east of the Mississippi and united with their Choctaw kinsmen in Indian Territory. The Chickasaw, because of their lesser number and a resulting minority in government, grew restless of the union and demanded a separation. In 1855 their request was recognized and a new Chickasaw Nation created to the west of the Choctaws. Their eastern boundary was marked on the route followed by Gen. Leavenworth. The western boundary was not far from the town of Chickasha, of the present. Coming eastward, the first settlement was made in a location two hundred feet from Kali Homma. Quite a large settlement was built up, mostly composed of a related clan, the Alexanders and Johnstons, two families playing prominent parts in later Oklahoma history. One member of the settlement, one who came from the original eastern homes, over a never-to-be-forgotten trail, is still alive. This is Jonah Alexander, a medicine man of no small repute. Descendants of these families are to be found in large numbers among the present generation. More next month .....

Respectfully,  
Katie

New facilities going up in Tishomingo District mark major improvements

Greetings from the Tishomingo District! First and foremost, my thoughts and prayers go out to all of the recent victims of the storm damage that has happened across the state and throughout the nation. Not only did our Citizens suffer loss from tornado damage but also from massive flooding. My heart truly goes out to those in need.



STEVEN WOODS

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

I am so happy to say that the month of June is celebrating the first day of summer. Although here in Oklahoma the weather lets us know summer is here weeks before June 21. The drought had been harsh and the rain was needed the Oklahoma lakes are at full capacity again. The hot weather is definitely welcome after all this rain. Summer time is a time of fun and the weather is hot. This is a time when we really need to keep our seniors in mind. Give them an extra phone call, go check on them regularly. Make sure they are not without a fan. If you know a Chickasaw Senior Citizen who does not have a source of keeping cool, please contact your local area office. When the temperatures soar, we can’t forget about our most precious resources, our people.

I, along with several other legislators, attended a Joint meeting of the Central and South Chickasaw Community Councils in San Marcos, Texas on April 12, 2015. We had great discussions about different programs and services. Many great ideas were shared. The fellowship of the Chickasaw people is always the best part of the meetings. Last month I had the pleasure of attending the groundbreaking in Tishomingo for the new Senior Site, Community Center, Head Start and to Re-model the clinic. It is so great to see the progress we are making as a tribe. I am so excited to see the new campus in Tishomingo. I am certain it will be amazing. The progress that the Chickasaw Nation has made is remarkable. The tribe has come such a long way since IHS first opened the Tishomingo clinic in 1968. It’s such a great time to be a part of such a great nation. As always, please continue to share your ideas, questions, and concerns. Your Legislator, Steven Woods Tishomingo District, Seat 3 Steve.Woods@chickasaw.net

Anonymous

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Tribal finances strong through 7 months of FY

The tribal government caption includes the tribe’s general fund and BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Division of Commerce. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc. The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify. Revenues of tribal government, other than the transfer from businesses, include motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Business revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes and other sales revenues from convenience stores, travel plazas, tobacco stores, other tribal businesses as well as rental and investment income. Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the maintenance and operations of tribal property, the Chickasaw Times and Governor’s and Lt. Governor’s offices. Expenditures for education include education scholarships as well as the tribe’s division of education. Health expenditures include eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants. The businesses’ expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe. Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending April 30, 2015

**Tribal Government**  
Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled \$14.98 million for the month and \$105.23 million year-to-date. Expenditures were \$10.25 million for the month and \$76.61 million year-to-date.

**Chickasaw Businesses**  
Revenue net of gaming prizes through April totaled \$687.31 million. Net income before the

transfers to the Tribal Government was \$189,337,975 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

**Statement of Net Assets**  
At April 30, 2015, the tribal government funds had \$298.27 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, \$21.84 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had \$231.61 million in cash and investments which is reserved for accounts payable and business operations. As of April 30, 2015, tribal operations, excluding federal program funding, had net assets of \$2.05 billion.

| Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Revenues and Expenditures For the Seven Months Ended April 30, 2015 |                   |                      |               |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|---------------|
|                                                                                                                     | Tribal Government | Chickasaw Businesses | Total         |
| <b>Revenues</b>                                                                                                     | \$ 9,410,502      | 783,128,067          | 792,538,569   |
| Transfers from businesses to tribal government                                                                      | 95,817,924        | (95,817,924)         | -             |
| Total funds available                                                                                               | 105,228,427       | 687,310,143          | 792,538,569   |
| <b>Expenditures</b>                                                                                                 |                   |                      |               |
| General government                                                                                                  | 4,313,801         | -                    | 4,313,801     |
| Legislature                                                                                                         | 1,730,820         | -                    | 1,730,820     |
| Judiciary                                                                                                           | 668,309           | -                    | 668,309       |
| Education                                                                                                           | 13,311,376        | -                    | 13,311,376    |
| Heritage Preservation                                                                                               | 11,918,978        | -                    | 11,918,978    |
| Health                                                                                                              | 11,870,625        | -                    | 11,870,625    |
| Youth Services                                                                                                      | 2,248,215         | -                    | 2,248,215     |
| Family Services                                                                                                     | 6,550,166         | -                    | 6,550,166     |
| Nutrition Programs                                                                                                  | 4,124,983         | -                    | 4,124,983     |
| Regulatory                                                                                                          | 6,165,846         | -                    | 6,165,846     |
| Assistance Programs                                                                                                 | 13,708,702        | -                    | 13,708,702    |
| Gaming expense                                                                                                      | -                 | 443,863,804          | 443,863,804   |
| Other businesses' expense                                                                                           | -                 | 149,926,289          | 149,926,289   |
| Total expenditures                                                                                                  | 76,611,820        | 593,790,092          | 670,401,913   |
| Increase in net assets                                                                                              | 28,616,606        | 93,520,051           | 122,136,657   |
| Beginning net assets                                                                                                | 743,003,190       | 1,187,670,226        | 1,930,673,416 |
| Ending net assets                                                                                                   | \$ 771,619,796    | 1,281,190,275        | 2,052,810,072 |

| Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Net Assets April 30, 2015 |                   |                      |               |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|---------------|
|                                                                           | Tribal Government | Chickasaw Businesses | Total         |
| <b>Cash and Investments</b>                                               | \$ 295,268,035    | 231,609,029          | 526,877,064   |
| Receivables                                                               | 19,775,876        | 92,033,280           | 111,809,156   |
| Inventory                                                                 | 86,332            | 8,317,004            | 8,403,336     |
| Prepaid expenses                                                          | -                 | 23,778,373           | 23,778,373    |
| Other Assets                                                              | -                 | 1,078,139            | 1,078,139     |
| Fixed assets                                                              | 460,865,232       | 1,036,690,380        | 1,497,555,612 |
| Less payables                                                             | (4,375,679)       | (112,315,928)        | (116,691,607) |
| Net Assets                                                                | \$ 771,619,796    | 1,281,190,275        | 2,052,810,073 |

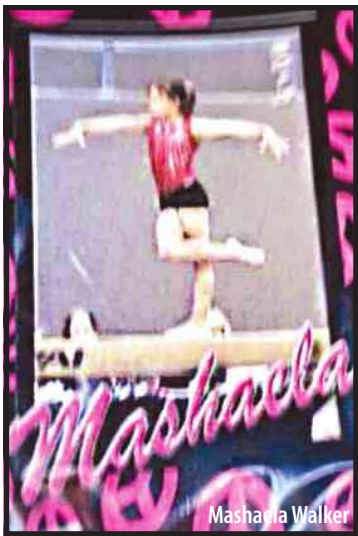


CONGRATULATIONS



Lauren Nech

Lauren Nech, daughter of Joe and Heather Nech, great-granddaughter of Peggy Neal, of Emory, Texas, took first place in district for JV girls discus. She also made the varsity cheer team for her upcoming senior year at Rains High School. We are very proud of all our children. Keep up the awesome work!!



Mashaela Walker

Mashaela Walker competed in the State Gymnastics Meet on May 2 in Bartlesville, Okla., at the Phillips Gymnasium. She placed first on floor routine and vault, and second on uneven bars and beam. She is eighth in the state overall.

She attends Vanoss (OK) Public School and has held an A and B average for all of her classes. She trains at Champion Gymnastics three to four days a week, 2-3 hours a day. Her goal is to some day make the Olympic Team.



Joshua Walker

On May 3, the Parkinson's Foundation of Oklahoma had its "A Walk In The Park" fundraising 5K Run and 1 Mile Walk at Wheeler Park in Oklahoma City to raise money for programs offered to Oklahoma residents who have Parkinson's Disease. Proud Chickasaw family members of Elizabeth Kelly Brown-Taylor, who suffers from Parkinson's Disease, came together as a team to raise money for the foundation and



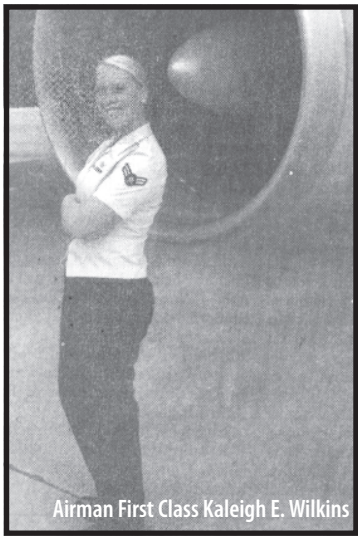
participate in the 1 Mile Walk and the 5K Run. Her grandson, Joshua Walker, who is in eighth grade at Newcastle (OK) Middle School, was the Overall First Place winner of the 5K Run! The proud Chickasaw family team raised \$265 for the foundation and consisted of: Elizabeth "Kelly" Brown-Taylor, Tamara Schnorr (sister of Kelly Brown-Taylor), Austin and Joshua Walker (grandsons of Kelly), Mandy Taylor-Griffin (daughter of Kelly), Tyra Hames, and Tyler, Dylan and Kaden Frantz (nephews of Kelly). Elizabeth Kelly Brown-Taylor is the daughter of the late Chickasaw Gerald Wayland Brown and granddaughter of the late Chickasaw Leonard Brown.

Joshua Walker is a distance runner who has been running in races on most weekends. In his previous race, which was the OKC Memorial Marathon, he raised \$300 for the OKC Memorial Foundation, and he placed 10th place out of 4,044 runners.



Tanner Thompson

Tanner Thompson is the agricultural education teacher in Prague, Okla. He is a Chickasaw citizen and was recently named young Ag Ed teacher of the year at the state convention. He received assistance from the tribe to complete his education and is making his family proud.



Airman First Class Kaleigh E. Wilkins

Airman First Class Kaleigh E. Wilkins has just completed Tech School a Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, Texas.

Airman Wilkins is now a Crew Chief on a KC-135 Refueling Plane.

She is a 2011 graduate of Kingston (OK) High School. She is the daughter of Wendy Gilmore, of Kingston, granddaughter of Wendell and Vicki Wilkins, of Mead, Okla., and great-granddaughter of original Chickasaw enrollee Viola Hays. She is proud to be from Chickasaw heritage.

She left April 28 to begin work at RAF-Mildenhall, United Kingdom, where she will be stationed for approximately the next two years.



Jordan Brewer

Jordan Brewer was presented the coveted "Student of the Year Award" at Choctaw (OK) Middle School on May 12. This is the second year in a row he has received this award.

Jordan maintains a 4.0 GPA and is on the Superintendent's Honor Roll. He is proud of his Chickasaw heritage, and the opportunity to represent the Chickasaw Nation through sports and academics. He has a goal of earning academic and sports scholarships to play baseball at a NCAA university.



Justin Dewbre and Rep. Lisa J. Billy

Justin Dewbre, a Chickasaw student from Dibble (OK) High School served as weekly page May 4-7. Justin is the son of Tom and Glenda Dewbre, of Dibble, and active in FFA as vice-president, student council representative and NHS.



Sara Anne Dobbs

Sara Anne Dobbs, a Chickasaw citizen, of Ada, Okla., is a sophomore at Oklahoma School for the Deaf. She was recognized in April for most improved volleyball player and outstanding female athlete of the 2014-2015 school year. Sara participates in volleyball, basketball, and track. She is the daughter of Glennye Perry, and granddaughter of Miguel and Virginia Aguilar-Corona, and the late B.J. Perry. We love her and we're very proud of her. Keep up the good work!

CONGRATULATIONS



Oliver Davidson

Oliver Davidson, Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor member of Order of the Arrow, was recently elected SR-2/3N Section Chief. The Order of the Arrow, or "OA," is a service organization and the national honor society of Boy Scouts of America. Members are elected from within their units and recognized as those who best live the ideals of brotherhood, cheerfulness and service. There are 47 sections in the U.S. and Oliver has the distinction of being the youngest Section Chief in the country. Oliver lives in Shady Shores, Texas and is a junior at Denton Ryan High School.



Logan and Blake Havern and their parents

Congratulations to senior Logan Havern and freshman Blake Havern for an outstanding soccer season at The Woodlands (TX) High School. At the banquet, varsity player Logan was awarded his varsity letter and also recognized for "District 16 - 6A 1st Team All District." Goalie Blake was recognized for his contribution to both the freshman & JV TWHS soccer teams. Logan will be attending Texas A&M in the fall and plans to study engineering. Blake will continue to play soccer at TWHS.

THANK YOU



Lady Thunder Basketball Team

Chukma!

We are Lady Thunder girls' basketball team that is mostly sixth grade girls (10 out of 12 are Chickasaw). We are extremely dedicated to the team and this sport, and hopeful to earn college basketball scholarships in the future.

We enjoy basketball because it teaches respect, discipline, leadership, and sportsmanship. We also enjoy the competition, but mostly want to show everyone how unconquerable we are as young Chickasaw girls.

We are raising money, because our team needs money for uniforms, court time, basketball shoes and participation fees. Our moms have made a Facebook page with an online gofund.com for our team so that our fans can keep track of our team status. We greatly appreciate any amount of donation and support.

Thank you in advance for helping our team achieve our fundraising goals.

A heartfelt Yakoke to Chickasaw Legislators Mary Jo Green, Connie Barker, Nancy Elliott and Scott Wood for their contribution and support.

Chi pisa la cho,  
The Lady Thunder

FAMILY



Five Generations

Five generations: Phyllis Lattie, of Connerville, Okla.; Jodiana Morris, of Risingstar, Texas; Christine Catron, of Broken Arrow, Okla.; Tierra, Kaiden and Exavier Miller, of Ada, Okla.

Phyllis Lattie is the granddaughter of full-blood original enrollee, Eliza Russell.

WEDDING

Ivan Henson, a Chickasaw citizen, would like to welcome his new wife, Laura Berry, and Daniela Paredes to his family.

Ivan Henson married Laura Berry on April 24, 2015. The ceremony took place in San Antonio, Texas. The couple would also like to thank all of their family and friends who attended.

GRADUATION CORRECTION

Brooke Renee' Schumacher, of Atwood, Okla., is a 2015 graduate of Calvin High School in Calvin, Okla. She is the daughter of La-Donna Wilbanks and Ken Schumacher, and granddaughter of the late Coy Wilbanks, of Atwood, Okla., Gary and Truby DeShields, Stephanie Lawson, and the late Ron Schumacher. She is also a descendant of original Chickasaw enrollees Mamie Tushkatomb and Walter Seeley. She is the great-granddaughter of Iree Seeley, of Sulphur, Okla., and the late Joe (Booth) Seeley.

Programs & Services Directory available

The 2015 Programs & Services Directory is now available for download at Chickasaw.net/servicedirectory. Hard copies will soon be mailed directly to all Chickasaw citizens. The Programs & Services Directory contains information about all tribal programs and services. Inside the directory are program descriptions, contact information and office locations.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

2015 Indian State Fast Pitch Tournament  
July 17-19, 2015

ASA Hall of Fame and location TBD

ASA Registered Teams \$250  
Non-Registered Teams \$275

Oklahoma ASA is offering \$20 team registration but each state association will be different.

Deadline for entry: July 2, 2015. Cashier's Check, money order, or business check. NO PERSONAL CHECKS.

All entry fees, team registration, roster, and team picture must be received by July 2, all team registrations will need to be verified by ASA.

CDIB along with photo ID must be provided at registration for each participant.  
ASA modified rules will be in effect.

Any legal bat may be used with the exception of Senior League bats.

ALL BATS WILL BE TESTED BEFORE TOURNAMENT PLAY.  
All game balls must be purchased at the ASA Hall of Fame.  
\$6 each. NO EXCEPTIONS

Host Hotel: Tower Hotel, 3233 Northwest Expressway, Oklahoma City, OK 73112. Phone 405-842-6633,  
<http://www.towerhoteloklahomacity.com/>

King bed -\$79  
Double/Double --\$89

Full breakfast buffet included to all paying guests.

ASA Registration information can be found at  
<http://www.teamusa.org/usa-softball/about/contact-us>  
Contact: Lisa Smith-Longman 405-609-9929, [llongman32@gmail.com](mailto:llongman32@gmail.com)



**Eagle Adventure**

**Chukma!**  
Mr. Eagle's Nest is a place to share tips for keeping your body strong and healthy.

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*Together we can prevent diabetes!*

## Mr. Eagle's Nest

**Have a "try day" at home!**

Chickasaw families have important traditions that keep families strong and healthy. The Chickasaw word for strong is *kilimpi*.

Choose a time of day each week to share stories and try activities that your family can do together. Set aside 10 minutes or more to try something fun.

Each family member can come up with an activity, for example: wiggle like a worm for 2 minutes, hop like a rabbit for 30 seconds, flap your wings like Mr. Eagle 10 times. Work on sitting less and moving more. It makes for a great time!

**Mr. Eagle's friend, Miss Rabbit, likes to dance. What is Miss Rabbit's favorite dance style?**

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**We want to hear what's happening in your nest!**  
Visit [www.eagleadventure.com](http://www.eagleadventure.com) or call 580-272-5596 to share what fruit or vegetable snacks you enjoy or tell us your favorite recipe!



# SUMMER CAMP!

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**Summer fun on the Oklahoma River!**

Join us for Adventure Camps in the Boathouse District! We have all your favorites like kayaking, cycling and dragon boating, along with the newest attractions on the Oklahoma River including the SandRidge Sky Trail & Youth Zone!

Free for Chickasaw youth; email us at [ChickasawNation@okcbf.org](mailto:ChickasawNation@okcbf.org) to register!

**Weekly Summer Adventure Camps**

Ages 8-16 • Monday-Friday

Morning Camps - Paddling; Full Day & Afternoon Camps - Paddling & RIVERSPORT Adventures

June 1-5 • June 8-12 • June 15-19 • June 22-26 • June 29-July 3

July 6-10 • July 13-17 • July 20-24 • July 27-31 • August 3-7



# Chickasaw Honor Graduates receive ECU degrees during honor ceremony



During the East Central (OK) University Spring Honor Graduates Ceremony Chickasaw honor student Shelby Nicole Taylor receives her Chikasha Holitopliichi stole. The ceremony was at the Hallie Brown Ford Fine Arts Center Saturday, May 9, 2015. The stole represents the students' dedication to academics and to their Chickasaw heritage.



East Central University graduates Ashleigh Dunn, left, and Rachel Lynn Howard after the Honors Graduates Ceremony wearing their Chikasha Holitopliichi stoles with pride. The Chikasha Holitopliichi Honor Program is available to Chickasaw students beginning their sophomore years until they graduate. The program includes classification change incentives, degree completion incentives and the opportunity to receive the Chikasha Holitopliichi stole.



## Turtle Run 5K

(LOKSI' MALILI)

**Saturday, June 20, 2015**

Location: Ardmore Regional Park  
2704 N. Rockford Road  
Ardmore, Oklahoma  
(Regional Park Pavilion)

**No entry fee!**

Certified course and sanctioned race.

Register online: [www.signmeup.com/107800](http://www.signmeup.com/107800).

1 Mile Fun Walk – 8 a.m.  
Individual 5K – 8:30 a.m.  
Adult/Child Team Event 5K – 8:30 a.m.

For more information or questions, contact Beth: [run.chickasaw@gmail.com](mailto:run.chickasaw@gmail.com).



This event is sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation.

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**William Blake Belvin**

William Blake Belvin is a 2015 graduate of the University of Arkansas School of Law, Fayetteville, Ark. He received his Juris Doctor degree Saturday, May 16, 2015. He is the son of Jimmy and DeAnna Belvin, of Norman, Okla., and grandson of original Chickasaw enrollees, the late William Guy Belvin and Ruby Josephine Belvin and the late Dorland and Joan Wilburn.



He is a member of Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, the International Native American Law Student Association, the International Law Society, and earned a spot on the Dean's Honor Roll. Also while in law school, he interned for the Honorable Judge Mark Lindsay in the 4th Judicial Circuit of the 6th Judicial District Court in Fayetteville; for attorney West Doss, also of Fayetteville; and for the Northwest Arkansas Legal Aid Services in Rogers, Ark.

He is an active member of the St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Fayetteville, where he leads the Tuesday evening prayer services. He also serves as a paralegal in the 180th Cavalry Regiment of the 45th Infantry Brigade Combat Team of the Oklahoma Army National Guard in McAlester, Okla., where he has been a member since February, 2008, joining the Guard during his senior year of high school.

His future plans include obtaining his LL.M. degree with focus in taxation and working with a law firm specializing in estate planning and business transactional law. Once he passes the bar exam, he also plans to apply for the JAG Corps with the National Guard.

Mr. Belvin is very proud of his Chickasaw heritage. He is very thankful for all the Chickasaw Nation has done for him during his college and law school years. The Chickasaw Nation has supported him through undergraduate and law school with funding through scholarships, and a summer internship with the Legal Division of the Gaming Board at the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Washington, D.C. He only wishes that his Chickasaw grandparents, William Guy Belvin and Ruby Josephine Belvin, could be alive to see the many wonderful things their tribe is doing for the Chickasaw people, young and old alike. He sincerely prays that God will continue to bless the Chickasaw Nation - a People Unconquered and Unconquerable!

**Rose Williams**

Rose Williams, of Auburn, Calif., is a 2015 graduate of Deloro High School. She is the daughter of Mike and Katie Williams, and the granddaughter of Pete and Susan Wiesick.

She plans to attend a two-year college and then move to the University of Reno in Nevada for nursing school.



**Carrie Cunningtubby**

Carrie Cunningtubby is a 2015 graduate of Western Heights High School, Oklahoma City. She is the daughter of James and Gina Cunningtubby, and granddaughter of Roy and Judy Cunningtubby.

She was on the high school bowling team for four years all through high school. She plans to attend Oklahoma City Community College in the fall for a degree in early childhood education.



**Ethan Blagg**

Ethan Blagg, of Edmond, Okla., is a 2015 graduate of Crossings Christian School, Oklahoma City. He is the son of Matthew and Karrie Blagg, and grandson of Buddy and Pamela Strickland, of Pauls Valley, Okla., Don and Sharon Blagg, of Weatherford, Okla., and the late Becky Strickland.

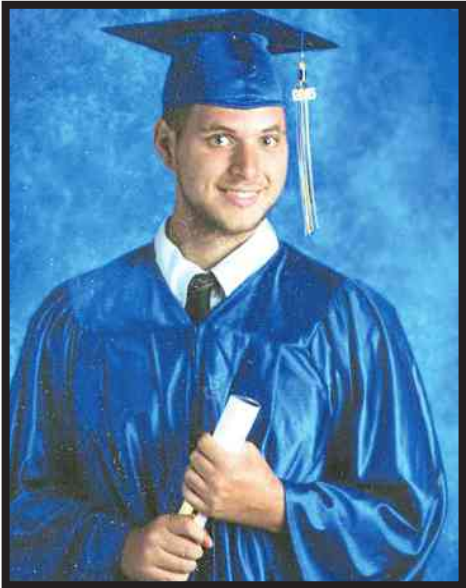
He is an Eagle Scout and Order of the Arrow member of Boy Scouts of America. He played varsity football and wrestled at Crossings. He was also a member of the National Junior Honors Society, placed third in State at Skills USA for mobile robotics, first place in state at Skills USA for Engineering Technology, and was lead drummer for school band and church band. His future plans are to pursue a dual major in marketing and entrepreneurship.



**Jay Michael Robinson**

Jay Michael Robinson is a 2015 graduate of Prescott High School, Prescott, Ariz. He is the son of Robert and Dawn Robinson, and the grandson Michael and Patsy Robinson.

He was a member of the Native American Club, and on the wrestling team as a freshman and junior varsity. He was also on the football team for four years, playing varsity as a defensive lineman.



**Chelsea Tucker**

Chelsea Tucker is a 2015 graduate of Dickson High School, Dickson, Okla. She is the daughter of James and Kim Tucker. She has two brothers and two sisters.

In the fall, she will attend ECU in Ada, Okla., and will be part of the ECU Tiger band. She has been a part of Dickson Drum Line for the past six years and was drum captain her senior year. Since her sophomore year, she has participated in jazz band and during her senior year she also participated in Winter Guard. She is very outgoing and loves the outdoors. Some of her favorite memories were spent hunting and fishing with her dad. Upon graduation from college she wants to become a physical therapist. She is currently employed at Excel Therapy and loves her patients and they love her. Congratulations, we love you. Keep up the good work and you will go far in life.

Mom and Dad



**Dylan Wade Perry**

Dylan Wade Perry is a 2015 graduate of Mansfield High School, Mansfield, Texas. He is the son of James and Tina Perry, and grandson of Jean Shipman and the late Roy Shipman.

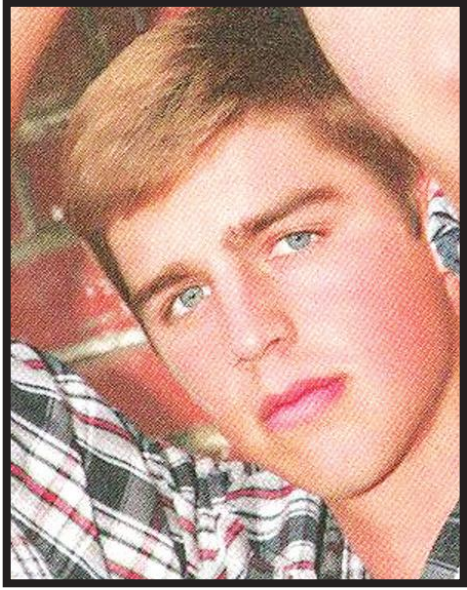
He enjoys playing tennis. He was an active member of the Key Club, and has been involved with the theatre arts. He plans to pursue a degree in architecture.



**Wyatt Tucker Daniel**

Wyatt Tucker Daniel is a 2015 graduate of Tushka High School, Tushka, Okla. He is the son of Mike and Shelly Daniel, and grandson of Bob and Lavon Daniel, and Phillip and Gaylene Miller.

He is graduating with honors and has a 4.0 GPA. He is a member of the National Honor Society. He played baseball and basketball all four years of high school and was chosen Bryan County Conference MVP for 2014-2015. He has taken classes at SOSU concurrently while in high school. He plans to attend SOSU this fall and is undecided on a degree.





Shanda Nelson

Shanda Nelson, of Yukon, Okla., is a 2015 graduate of the University of Oklahoma School of Law. She is the daughter of Sherry Abbott Todd, of Newcastle, Okla., and the late Bar-die Todd, and granddaughter of the late Joe Kent Ab-bott and Betty Jean Abbott, of Ada, Okla., and Ellen Brinley, of Ada, and the late Ben Todd.



She graduated in the charter class of a new program, Master of Legal Studies in Indigenous Peoples Law and wore her Chickasaw stole with great pride. This degree is for individuals interested in Native Ameri-can issues and covers a wide range of topics, from research and writing, water law, to constitutional law and many others. During her studies, she participated in the Peacemaker training conducted by Chickasaw Justice Barbara Smith and Michael Smith. She is now a certified Peacemaker. She worked full time at Medi-cal Supply, U.S.A. while completing her studies.

She and her husband, Jack Nelson, have two children who attend Yukon Schools, Payton, 12, and Parker, 15. She was the recipient of grants and merit awards from the Chickasaw Nation, which were greatly appreciat-ed. This assistance was invaluable in helping her meet the financial requirements to earn her degree. She is developing a plan to use her degree for contract ser-vices for Native Nations.

Katelyn Holcomb

Katelyn Holcomb, of Winston-Salem, N.C., is a 2015 graduate of Ronald Rea-gan High School. She is the daugh-ter of David and Christy Holc omb, and grand-daughter of Mike and Patsy Hol-comb, and Jack and Doris Vander Wiele.

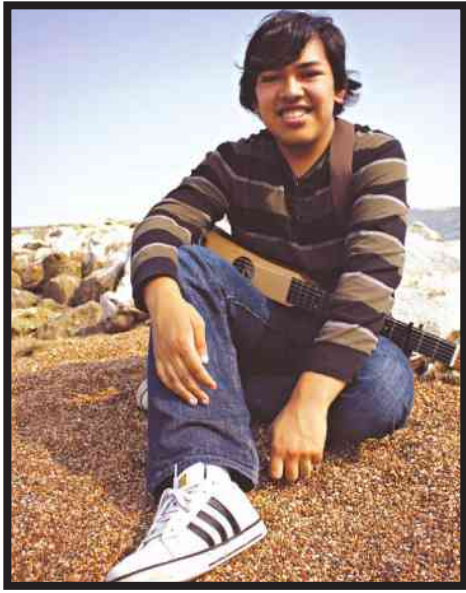


She is a member of the National Honor Society and National Science Honor Society. She was a four-year varsity letter winner in volleyball, including two all-conference selections and conference most valuable player her senior year. As captain, she led the Raiders to the 4A state quarterfinals.

An internship at the W-S Special Children’s School throughout high school has inspired her to pursue a career in special education. She will major in this field while attending Auburn University beginning this fall.

Dillon Fox Carrillo

Dillon Fox Carrillo is a 2015 gradu-ate of Clear Lake High S c h o o l , Houston, Texas. He is the son of Lupe and Valerie Car-riilo, and grandson of Lupe and Janet-ta Car-riilo, of Ard-more, Okla., and Gilbert and Ida Tabares, of Midland, Texas.



He is a National AP Scholar. While at CLHS, he was a member of the nationally ranked orchestra for four years. He also played football. In the fall, he will be attending one of the few Tier 1 schools in the state of Texas, The University of Houston. Go Cougs!

Dillon, we are so proud of you and all of your ac-complishments. We know there will be many more to come.

Sophia Wells

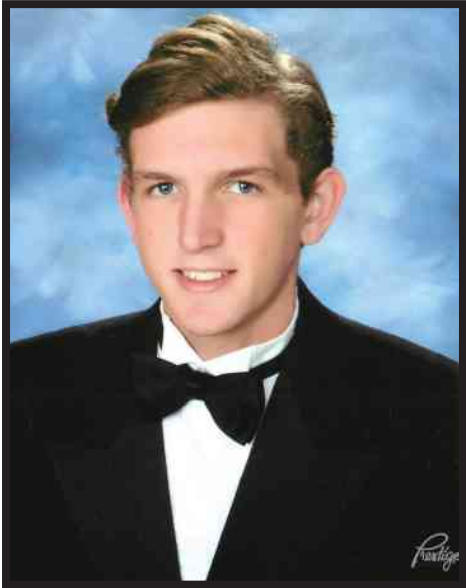
S o p h i a Wells, of Springfield, Mo., is a 2015 gradu-ate of the Academy of Contempo-rary Music at the Universi-ty of Central Oklahoma. She is the daughter of Margie and Jef Wells, and grand-daughter of Paula Gibson and the late Ben Wells, and Ken and Karen Horne.



She graduated with magna cum laude honors in the spring of 2015. She also spent five months at the Acad-emy of Contemporary Music in London, England where she studied under prominent music industry professionals. She works as a professional musician, performing regularly around the Oklahoma City metro area and working as a music director/worship leader at People’s Church.

Malcolm E. Graham

Malcolm E. Graham is a 2015 gradu-ate of Ala-mo Heights High School, San Anto-nio, Texas. He is the son of Julie A. Crockett and Marshall G r a h a m , grandson of Nancy Har-dy Crockell and the late Brad Crockell, and great-great-grandson of Janella Heald and Dr. Walter Hardy, a former tribal physi-cian. He is a descendant of William Colbert and Wil-liam Malcolm Guy.

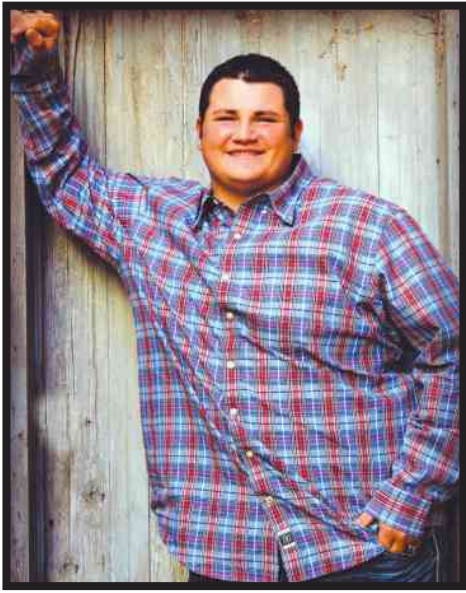


He participated in swim team, rocketry, ceramics and made Honor Roll several times. He has obtained his FAA Student Pilot’s License and is working on ob-taining his Solo Pilot’s License.

This fall, he will attend Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas where he will enroll in the ROTC-Air Force program and plans to major in engineering.

Jordyn Dean-Ayakali Romine

J o r d y n Dean- Ay-akali Ro-mine is a 2015 gradu-ate of Davis High School Davis, Okla. He is the son of Jennifer Pierce and Joe Romine, brother of Jolie Romine and Bren-dyn Pierce, grandson of Dean and Barbara Digby, of Davis, Darlene Romine and the late Larry Romine, of Indianola, Okla., and the great-grandson of Chickasaw Hall of Fame mem-ber, Irene “Mema” Digby.



He played three years of football, four years of bas-ketball and two years of track. He was a member of the 2014 and 2015 class 2A football state champions, the Davis Wolves. He was also the 2014 state shot put champion in class 3A and recently was the 2015 state runner up shot put for 3A. He was named OTCA All-State shot put, 2014 and 2015 LCC All-Confer-ence basketball team member, and 2015 Lindsay all-tournament team. He was a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Principal’s Advisory Committee, Youth Leadership Murray County, Project Give, Car-ing Souls and Chickasaw Youth Leadership. He will graduate with honors from Davis High School. He plans to attend East Central University after gradua-tion.

Wyatt Coe

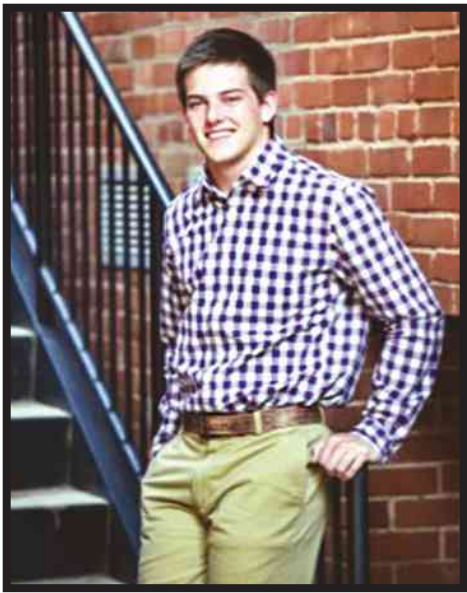
Wyatt Coe is a 2015 graduate of Ch a t h a m High School, Chatham, N.Y. He is the grand-son of Rob-ert Perry, of Tuscum-bia, Ala., and the grand nephew of Kirk and Kay Perry, and Charles and Kay Perry, of Ada, Okla.



He is a three-season varsity athlete (soccer, volleyball, track) who has won the Scholar Athlete award at CHS from 2011-2015, with a GPA of 98.0. He is a member of Tri-M, an arts honor society, is a frequent vocal soloist, and performed the part of Rolf in the Sound of Music at CHS in 2013. As part of the Chickasaw Young Compos-ers program under the direction of Jerod Tate, he com-posed a musical suite, “Infinity Pool,” recorded by the Linden Quartet on the cd, “Tobachi.” Since 2012, he has been the curator of three tech and design magazines on *Flipboard*. This fall, he will attend Rochester Institute of Technology as an industrial design major, with the goal of becoming a designer for the tech or auto industries.

Trey William Dennis

Trey Wil-liam Den-nis is a 2015 g r a d u a t e of Abilene High School, Abilene, Tex-as. He is the son of Zane and Kim Dennis, and the grandson of Charles and Evelyn Payne, and Harry and Bobby Den-nis.



He is three-year member of the National Honor So-ciety and graduated in the top 50 of his class. While at AHS, he was All District Receiver for two years, Aca-demic All-State Team, three-year varsity letterman in both football and track, yearbook staff as sports editor, and was a class officer.

He will be attending Abilene Christian University in the fall and will major in business management. He has received the John C Stevens and Heacock Scholar awards for academics.

Sara A. Folsom

Sara A. Folsom is a 2015 gradu-ate of East Central Uni-versity, Ada, Okla. She is the daugh-ter of Kevin and Teresa F o l s o m , of Wayne, Okla., grand-da u g h t e r of Bill and Sue Folsom, of Moore, Okla., and great-granddaughter of Tandy Folsom, an original Chickasaw enrollee.



She earned her degree in business entrepreneur-ship. During her time at ECU she participated with the LockWall team in the Donald W. Reynolds Governor’s Cup, where they won second place in the small busi-ness division level. She graduated in 2010 from Wayne High School as salutatorian.

She is currently a hairstylist at In-Style Hair and Nail Salon in Ada. She plans to continue being a hairstylist at In-Style Hair and Nail Salon. One day she plans to fulfill her dreams of having her own salon and bou-tique.

She would like to thank her family, and the Chicka-saw Nation for all their support.



COMMITTEE REPORTS

*Committee of the Whole* • May 11, 2015  
**Present:** Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Beth Alexander, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, Scott Wood, David Woerz, Steve Woods  
**Absent:** Katie Case

*Finance Committee* • May 11, 2015  
**Present:** Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs, David Woerz, Connie Barker

*Land Development Committee* • May 4, 2015  
**Present:** Steve Woods, Tim Colbert, Beth Alexander, Mary Jo Green, Connie Barker, David Woerz, Nancy Elliott  
**Absent:** Linda Briggs

*Legislative Committee* • May 4, 2015  
**Present:** Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Toby Perkins, Scott Wood, , Steve Woods, Tim Colbert, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz  
**Absent:** Linda Briggs

LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

CHICKASAW NATION TRIBAL LEGISLATURE  
Legislative Session  
Legislature Building  
Ada, Oklahoma  
May 15, 2015

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

AGENDA ITEM #4 APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 17, 2015

AGENDA ITEM #5 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

AGENDA ITEM #6 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(A) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair David Woerz

GR32-023 Resolution Granting Permission to use a Likeness of the Great Seal of the Chickasaw Nation (Marshall County, Oklahoma)

GR32-024 Amendments to Title 2, Chapter 3 of the Chickasaw Nation Code

(B) LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Linda Briggs

GR32-025 Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in McClain County

GR32-026 Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Johnston County

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT

ELECTION NOTICE

NOTICE

The election office is preparing for the 2015 Tribal Elections. We must have a correct mailing address on file for all qualified Chickasaw Voters to ensure you receive a ballot or other tribal mail-outs.

If you have moved, or if you are not sure we have your updated address, please contact the Election Office by calling (580) 310-6411 or 1-888-661-0137.

You may also complete an address change form at [www.Chickasaw.net](http://www.Chickasaw.net).

ELECTION SCHEDULE

THE CHICKASAW NATION TRIBAL ELECTION  
2015 PRIMARY ELECTION SCHEDULE

**June 1-3:**  
Candidate filing period (8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the Election Secretary's office)

**June 5:**  
Challenge to Candidacy ends at 5 p.m.

**June 8:**  
Drawing for position on the ballot (1:30 p.m. at the Election Secretary's office) - Candidates may pick up print-outs & CD's.

**June 8:**  
Last day to submit photo & biography to “Chickasaw Times” (by 4:00 pm) - Press release for candidates (news/media)

**June 29:**  
Ballots mailed to voters who reside out of the contiguous 48 states

**July 6:**  
Voter registration closes.

**July 7:**  
After 12 p.m. candidates may pick up updated printouts & CD's.

**July 9:**  
Ballots mailed to ALL qualified voters.

**July 23:**  
Last day to appoint a watcher.

**July 28:**  
2015 Primary Election (last day to return ballots; no later than 10:30 a.m.) - Ballot tabulation begins @ 11 a.m.  
Unofficial results posted immediately. Press Release made to public.

**July 28:**  
Voter registration re-opens, if no run-off election.

**July 31:**  
Recount period ends.

**October 1:**  
Oath of Office Ceremony (11:00 a.m.)

APRIL 2015 LEGISLATIVE MINUTES

CHICKASAW NATION TRIBAL LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION  
Legislature Building  
Ada, Oklahoma  
April 17, 2015

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER  
Chairperson Connie Barker called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Chairperson Barker appointed Ms. Monette Richardson to serve as Recording Secretary Pro Tempore.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, Connie Barker

Staff present: Monette “Lynie” Richardson, Recording Secretary Pro Tempore, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel

Guests present: Mike Watson, Michael L. Wingo, S. Ashley Large, Eric Hardison, Larry D. Morgan, Dana Lance, Cliff Hardison

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - March 20, 2015

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Case to approve the minutes of March 20, 2015.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, Connie Barker - 13 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of March 20, 2015 carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(A) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Toby Perkins

General Resolution Number 32-021, Approval of Development Budget Amendment Tishomingo Information Center

This resolution approves the amendment to the Development Budget for the Tishomingo Information Center, Project Number 20-0132-14, in the amount of \$6,530,534.00.

The addition of a 10,765 square foot Information Center in Tishomingo will allow the Chickasaw Nation to better serve its citizens and guests by providing a more enjoyable, enlightened experience through the various sources of information. The building will provide a large gathering area, restrooms, information sources for tour bus groups and individuals. It will also provide office space for the Division of Tourism, the Department of History and Culture, the Office of Special Events, the Johnston County Historical Society, and the Tishomingo Chamber of Commerce.

A motion was made by Mr. Wood and seconded by Mr. Colbert to approve GR32-021.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, Connie Barker - 13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR32-021 carried unanimously.

Mr. Perkins concluded his report.

(B) HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Dean McManus

General Resolution Number 32-019, Approval of Application for Funding Bureau of Indian Affairs Tribal Cooperative Landscape Conservation Program

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application to the Bureau of Indian Affairs for funding to develop a strategic plan for a tribal drought vulnerability assessment and provide drought vulnerability assessment trainings to tribal program leaders. This project will increase the tribe's capacity to plan for and reduce vulnerability to drought like conditions.

A motion was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Ms. Elliott to approve GR32-019.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, Connie Barker - 13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR32-019 carried unanimously.

Ms. McManus concluded her report.

(C) LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 32-020, Authorization for Demolition and Removal of the Miko Building at Tribal Headquarters

This Resolution authorizes and approves the demolition and removal of the Miko Building at a cost of \$225,000.00. The condition of the building is such that the below grade portion leaks and produces mold in such quantities it makes the building uninhabitable and presents a safety risk to Chickasaw employees and the Chickasaw citizens served.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Mr. Perkins to approve GR32-020.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, Connie Barker - 13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR32-020 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 32-022, Authorization and Approval of Business Lease GS-07P-LOK17353 in Murray County, Oklahoma

This resolution approves the Business Lease GS-07P-LOK17353 to the Government Service Agency, Fort Worth, Texas, for the purposes of relocating the National Park Service to the Sulphur Visitor Center. The term of the lease is a firm five (5) year term, and an additional five (5) year extension subsequent to the initial five (5) year term, for which the Chickasaw Nation will receive twenty six thousand, seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$26,750.00) per annum. The space being offered for National Park Service occupancy is the first floor location of the Sulphur Visitor Center.

The resolution was not received before the due date, therefore it is deemed as Emergency Legislation.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Mr. Wood to approve GR32-022.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, Connie Barker - 13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR32-022 carried unanimously.

Ms. Briggs concluded her report.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Mr. Mike Watson made comments regarding the Coal and Asphalt settlement and stated he was requesting information from the Department of Interior regarding these funds.

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Elliott, Secretary  
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

Prepared by:  
Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary  
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature



APRIL 2015 RESOLUTIONS

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE  
General Resolution Number 32-023  
Resolution Granting Permission to use a Likeness  
of the Great Seal of the Chickasaw Nation  
(Marshall County, Oklahoma)

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article VII, Sections 4 and 7 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature shall enact rules and regulations pertaining to the Chickasaw Nation, and shall make decisions pertaining to the acquisition, leasing, disposition and management of real property, subject to federal law, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Governor shall perform all duties appertaining to the office of Chief Executive. He shall sign official papers on behalf of the Nation, and

WHEREAS, Marshall County, Oklahoma has requested permission to display a likeness of the Great Seal of the Chickasaw Nation in its Courthouse, and

WHEREAS, the display would commemorate the respect, admiration and cooperation that the Chickasaw Nation and Marshall County share as neighbors in Oklahoma.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature hereby grants the request of Marshall County, Oklahoma to display a likeness of the Great Seal of the Chickasaw Nation in its Courthouse. The Chickasaw Tribal Legislature grants the request with gratitude for the recognition of the positive relationship between neighbors the Chickasaw Nation and Marshall County.

Executed in regular session of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature, meeting at Ada, Oklahoma, on May 15, 2015, by a vote of 13 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE  
General Resolution Number 32-023  
Resolution Granting Permission to use a Likeness  
of the Great Seal of the Chickasaw Nation  
(Marshall County, Oklahoma)

Explanation: This resolution approves the request of Marshall County, Oklahoma, speaking through their Chairman and District 2 Commissioner Erin Lemons, to display the likeness of the Great Seal of the Chickasaw Nation in the Marshall County Courthouse. The display will commemorate the respect, admiration and cooperation that the Chickasaw Nation and Marshall County share as neighbors in Oklahoma.

Presented By: Legislative Committee

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE  
General Resolution Number 32-024  
Amendments to Title 2, Chapter 3 of the Chickasaw Nation Code  
(Chickasaw Burial Policy)

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article VII, Sections 4 and 7 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature shall enact rules and regulations pertaining to the Chickasaw Nation, and shall make decisions pertaining to the acquisition, leasing, disposition and management of real property, subject to federal law, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Governor shall perform all duties appertaining to the office of Chief Executive. He shall sign official papers on behalf of the Nation, and

WHEREAS, the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature has previously enacted language regarding a burial policy, and

WHEREAS, the Chickasaw tribal Legislature desires to amend that language.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature hereby approves and adopts the following amendments to Title 2, Chapter 3 Section 2-301.3 of the Chickasaw Nation Code, all other sections and parts of sections to remain the same (additions are shown in red, deletions are stricken through):

“SECTION 2-301.3 CHICKASAW BURIAL POLICY.  
Reserved. The Chickasaw Nation shall provide monies to serve its citizens under a Burial Grant that allocates to each original enrollee and each full-blood Chickasaw the amount of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) and, further provides, that all other citizens of the Chickasaw Nation shall each be allocated from the one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) Burial Grant, a pro-rated share of said Burial Grant in an amount equal to each Chickasaw citizen's percentage of Chickasaw descent as shown on their Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) Card. This grant shall be administered to meet needs which are unmet by burial plans or burial insurance held by the decedent. Said funds will be paid directly to the funeral home.”

Executed in regular session of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature, meeting at Ada, Oklahoma, on May 15, 2015, by a vote of 13 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE  
General Resolution Number 32-024  
Amendments to Title 2, Chapter 3 of the Chickasaw Nation Code  
(Chickasaw Burial Policy)

Explanation: This resolution amends Title 2, Chapter 3 Section 2-301.3 of the Chickasaw Nation Code to remove obsolete language from the Code.

Presented By: Legislative Committee

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE  
General Resolution Number 32-025  
Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in McClain County

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article VII, Sections 4 and 7 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature shall enact rules and regulations pertaining to the Chickasaw Nation, and shall make decisions pertaining to the acquisition, leasing, disposition and management of real property, subject to federal law, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Governor shall perform all duties appertaining to the office of Chief Executive. He shall sign official papers on behalf of the Nation, and

WHEREAS, the Land Development Committee recommends the acquisition of real property in Purcell, McClain County, Oklahoma described as follows:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION FROM DEED  
A tract of land located in the Southwest Quarter of Northwest Quarter (SW/4 NW/4) of Section Thirteen (13), Township Six (6) North, Range Two (2) West, McClain County, Oklahoma, being more particularly described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a point which is 277 feet North and 267 feet West of the Southwest Corner of NE/4 SW/4 NW/4 of said Section 13; (and said point being located on the West boundary line of U. S. Highway #77, and reference is hereby made to “Resolution of Correction” as the same is now of record in Book 147 at page 216 in the office of the County Clerk of McClain County, Oklahoma, for more particularly) and running thence West 416 feet; thence due South 52.5 feet to a point which point is the Northwest Corner of the tract herein conveyed; thence due East 416 feet, to the West Boundary line of U.S. Highway #77; thence South along the West Boundary line of U.S. Highway #77 a distance of 52.5 feet; thence due West a distance of 208 feet; thence due South 209 feet; thence due West 208 feet; thence due North 261.5 feet to the Northwest Corner of the tract herein conveyed.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION USING GEODETIC BEARINGS  
A tract located in the SW/4 NW/4 of Section 13, Township 6 North, Range 2 West, McClain County, Oklahoma, being more particularly described as follows; Commencing at the Southwest corner of said SW/4 NW/4 of Section 13; thence S 89°54'03” E a distance of 578.88 feet; thence N 03°28'57” E a distance of 415.89 feet; thence N 89°56'51” E a distance 209.00 feet; thence N 03°28'57” E a distance of 208.50 feet to the point of beginning; thence S 89°56'51” W a distance of 207.00 feet; thence N 03°28'57” E a distance 261.00 feet; thence N 89°56'51” E a distance of 416.00 feet; thence S 03°28'57” W a distance of 52.50 feet; thence S 89°56'51” W a distance of 209.00 feet; thence S 03°29'08” W a distance of 208.50 feet to the point of beginning, containing 1.49 acres, more or less.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature hereby authorizes and approves the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation, or his designee, to negotiate the acquisition and conclude a Contract for the above described tract of land. Such contract shall be for a price not to exceed the Market Value Price, in accordance with the Constitution and Laws of the Chickasaw Nation and those Rules and Regulations of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the United States Department of the Interior, as they may apply to such acquisition. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

Executed in regular session of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature, meeting at Ada, Oklahoma, on May 15, 2015, by a vote of 13 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE  
General Resolution Number 32-025  
Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in McClain County

Explanation: This Resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property in Purcell, McClain County, Oklahoma, for addition to the Chickasaw Nation Purcell campus properties described as:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION FROM DEED

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A tract of land located in the Southwest Quarter of Northwest Quarter (SW/4 NW/4) of Section Thirteen (13), Township Six (6) North, Range Two (2) West, McClain County, Oklahoma, being more particularly described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a point which is 277 feet North and 267 feet West of the Southwest Corner of NE/4 SW/4 NW/4 of said Section 13; (and said point being located on the West boundary line of U. S. Highway #77, and reference is hereby made to “Resolution of Correction” as the same is now of record in Book 147 at page 216 in the office of the County Clerk of McClain County, Oklahoma, for more particularly) and running thence West 416 feet; thence due South 52.5 feet to a point which point is the Northwest Corner of the tract herein conveyed; thence due East 416 feet, to the West Boundary line of U.S. Highway #77; thence South along the West Boundary line of U.S. Highway #77 a distance of 52.5 feet; thence due West a distance of 208 feet; thence due South 209 feet; thence due West 208 feet; thence due North 261.5 feet to the Northwest Corner of the tract herein conveyed.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION USING GEODETIC BEARINGS  
A tract located in the SW/4 NW/4 of Section 13, Township 6 North, Range 2 West, McClain County, Oklahoma, being more particularly described as follows; Commencing at the Southwest corner of said SW/4 NW/4 of Section 13; thence S 89°54'03” E a distance of 578.88 feet; thence N 03°28'57” E a distance of 415.89 feet; thence N 89°56'51” E a distance 209.00 feet; thence N 03°28'57” E a distance of 208.50 feet to the point of beginning; thence S 89°56'51” W a distance of 207.00 feet; thence N 03°28'57” E a distance 261.00 feet; thence N 89°56'51” E a distance of 416.00 feet; thence S 03°28'57” W a distance of 52.50 feet; thence S 89°56'51” W a distance of 209.00 feet; thence S 03°29'08” W a distance of 208.50 feet to the point of beginning, containing 1.49 acres, more or less.

Property Location: 1413, 1415 & 1417 Green Avenue, Purcell, Oklahoma  
Use: For addition to the Chickasaw Nation Purcell campus properties  
Purpose: Self-determination/Economic Development  
Presented by: Land Development Committee

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE  
General Resolution Number 32-026  
Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Johnston County

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article VII, Sections 4 and 7 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature shall enact rules and regulations pertaining to the Chickasaw Nation, and shall make decisions pertaining to the acquisition, leasing, disposition and management of real property, subject to federal law, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Governor shall perform all duties appertaining to the office of Chief Executive. He shall sign official papers on behalf of the Nation, and

WHEREAS, the Land Development Committee recommends the acquisition of real property in Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma described as follows:

All of Lot 9 and Lot 10, Block 110, Town of Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma, according to the Official Plat and Survey, thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature hereby authorizes and approves the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation, or his designee, to negotiate the acquisition and conclude a Contract for the above described tract of land. Such contract shall be for a price not to exceed the Market Value Price, in accordance with the Constitution and Laws of the Chickasaw Nation and those Rules and Regulations of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the United States Department of the Interior, as they may apply to such acquisition. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

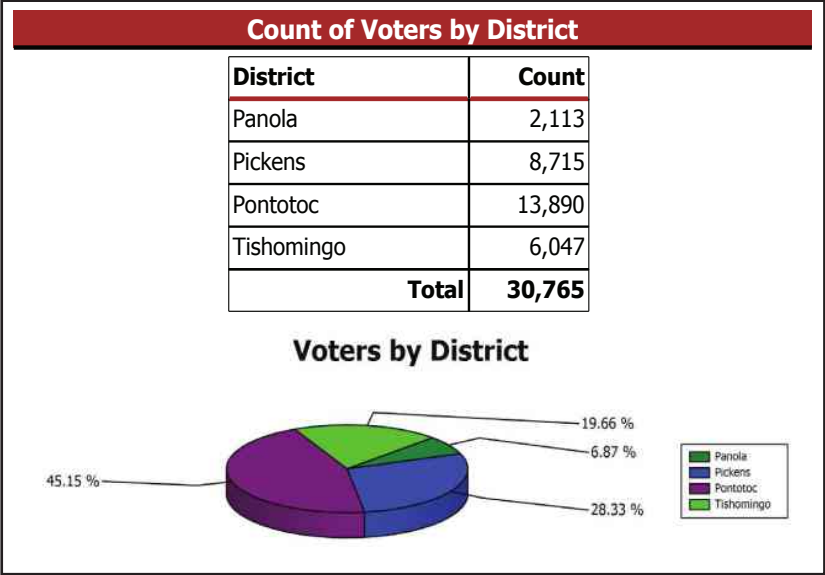
Executed in regular session of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature, meeting at Ada, Oklahoma, on May 15, 2015, by a vote of 13 yes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE  
General Resolution Number 32-026  
Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Johnston County

Explanation: This Resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property in Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma, for addition to the Chickasaw Nation Capitol campus properties described as:

All of Lot 9 and Lot 10, Block 110, Town of Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma, according to the Official Plat and Survey, thereof.

Property Location: 105 South Fisher & 106 South Capitol Streets, Tishomingo, Oklahoma  
Use: For addition to the Chickasaw Nation Capitol campus properties  
Purpose: Self-determination/Economic Development  
Presented by: Land Development Committee



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# April 2015 Chickasaw Nation Outstanding Achievement Award Recipients

**Ayden Elcyzyn**

Ayden Elcyzyn, 7, son of Gerald and Tiffany Elcyzyn, is an April recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Citizenship and Academic Achievement Award.



Ayden Elcyzyn

Ayden is in the second grade at Newcastle Elementary in Newcastle, Oklahoma. He was nominated by Newcastle Elementary Liaison, Dusty Livingston.

“Ayden works hard in everything he does,” Ms. Livingston said. “He has met all of the yearly goals that have been set for him and has made straight A’s. Ayden is creative, polite and helpful to other students. He is a great role model for others in his class.”

Ayden enjoys riding on his scooter, playing games on his PS3 and playing with his friends. He also like to play first base when he plays baseball and football. Ayden’s favorite subjects are math and reading. His favorite book to read is “Diary of a Wimpy Kid”.

“I have a great family. I have a lot of fun with my family, especially with my dad. I love my family. I also I want to thank my great-grandma, Oretha Hilton, for teaching me the importance of my Chickasaw heritage,” Ayden said.

Ayden’s future plan is to get a degree to become a storm chaser.

**Madisen Moore**

Madisen Moore, 15, daughter of Bridget Moore, is an April recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement in Athletics Award.



Madisen Moore

Madisen is in the ninth grade at Ardmore High School in Ardmore Okla. She was nominated by her teacher and head softball coach, Charlotte Crawford.

“Madisen is a great student and outstanding leader,” Ms. Crawford said. “She is positive with the team and I can always count on her to give 100 percent. I’m so

lucky to have her as a part of my program. I am so proud to be her coach.”

Madisen’s hobbies include reading and writing.

Madisen has received awards and achievements such as Superintendent’s Honor Roll, Chickasaw Honor Club, Nation Junior Honor Society, Oklahoma Indian Student Honor Society, Fast Pitch varsity catcher, Regional Runner-Up Fast Pitch, Ardmoreite First Team Catcher.

“I play softball and baseball for Ardmore High. Currently I am the varsity catcher on our softball team. I am also the secretary for our student club, The Dream-catcher’s Club. Recently I was accepted into the Oklahoma Indian Student Honor Society,” Madisen said.

Madisen’s future plans include earning a degree in nursing, forensic science or law at the University of Oklahoma. She would also love to play softball for the University of Oklahoma.

**Alissa White**

Alissa White, 16, daughter of John and Brandy White, is an April recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Academic Achievement Award.



Alissa White

ic Achievement Award.

Alissa is a junior at Byng High School in Byng, Okla. She was nominated by her math teacher, Kristen McGaha.

“Alissa was selected to compete at the Seminole State College Scholastic Meet,” Ms. McGaha said. “She also placed second in the General Psychology test.”

Alissa enjoys hunting, fishing and playing basketball.

“I’m a junior at Byng High School and I also am taking college courses at Seminole State. I am also in the honor society. I am doing the best I can to achieve my future goals,” Alissa said.

Alissa’s future goals are to become a physical therapist and live a highly successful life.

**Allie Glover**

Allie Glover, 18, daughter of Liz and Derald Glover, is an April recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement in Athletics Award.

Allie is a senior at Fort Gibson High School in Fort Gibson, Okla. She was nominated by her basketball coach, Jerry Walker.

“Truly outstanding leader,” Mr. Walker said. “She is an outstanding student who has represented

her school at the highest level



Allie Glover

across the state!”

Allie enjoys playing basketball, hanging out with friends and babysitting.

“I have played basketball my whole life,” Allie said. “My team has won two state championships and runner-up. I was the team captain this past year in basketball. I am also involved in church youth group, National Honor Society Indian Honor Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Teen for Christ. Last summer, I went to Serbia, Slovenia, Italy and Austria for a mission trip.”

Allie is planning to attend Oklahoma State this fall. Her future plans also include becoming a physical therapy assistant.

**Kayci Glover**

Kayci Glover, 15, daughter of Liz and Derald Glover, is an April recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement in Athletics Award.

Kayci is a ninth grader at Fort Gibson High School in Fort Gibson, Okla. She was nominated by her basketball coach, Chuck Lon-



Kayci Glover

don.

“Kayci is an excellent student,” Mr. London said. “She is involved in several activities in school including FCA. Kayci is on Fort Gibson High School’s basketball and track teams. She played point guard in basketball helping her team to reach the semi-finals. She also competes in several events in track including the 3200 meter and the 1600 meter relays. I believe she would be an outstanding selection for the Chickasaw Honor Club.”

Kayci enjoys playing basketball, church youth group and playing tennis.

“I have two older sisters and a dog named Champ,” Kayci said. “I played on the varsity basketball team and we made it to the

state semi-finals. Beside basketball, I am also involved in track, cross country, Fellowship of the Christian Athletes and Teens for Christ. Last summer, I went to Serbia, Slovenia, Italy and Austria for a mission trip.”

Kayci’s future plans include attending Oklahoma State and playing basketball.

**Chantel Brown**

Chantel Brown, 10, daughter of Richard Brown and Lea Williams, is an April recipient of the Chicka-



Chantel Brown

saw Language Award.

Chantel is a fourth grader at Byng Elementary in Byng, Okla. She was nominated by her fourth grade teacher, Stephanie DelFrate.

“Chantel is a fourth grader at Byng Elementary and is a member of the Native Voices Club,” Ms. DelFrate said. “She is hardworking student and is very responsible young lady. She is active in many school activities and enjoys helping others.”

Chantel enjoys listening to her favorite radio station, X-Factor. She also loves to write.

“I want to get a scholarship to duke and to take care of my mom. She is great. I have a great family,” Chantel said.

**Mya Wilson**

Mya Wilson, 16, daughter Buffy and William Stick, is an April recipient of the Outstanding Citi-



Mya Wilson

zenship Award.

Mya is a sophomore at Latta High School in Latta, Okla. She was nominated by her art teacher, Jenny Salter.

“Mya is a sweet and creative student,” Ms. Salter said. “She works hard in class and always expresses a positive attitude. I am proud of her efforts in class and her kindness to other. She is always friendly and willing to help other with hesitation. She is a heard working student and very deserv-

ing of this honor.”

Mya enjoys reading, drawing and spending time with family.

“I am in FCCLA at my school and LOST (Latta Organization of Speech and Theater),” Mya said.

Mya’s future plan is to become a mortician or an embalmer.

**Chardoney Stick**

Chardoney Stick, 10, daughter of Monty and Levina Cully-Stick, is an April recipient of the Chicka-



Chardoney Stick

saw Language Award.

Chardoney is a fourth grader at Byng Elementary in Byng, Okla. She was nominated by the Byng Indian Education Coordinator, Stephanie DelFrate.

“Chardoney has been involved in numerous school activities and has been involved in several activities outside of the school,” Ms. DelFrate said. “Chardoney is a pleasant and thoughtful student that deserves formal recognition.”

Chardoney’s hobbies includes drawing and playing softball.

“I have played softball for almost 7 years and I dance at pow wows when I go to Tushkahoma,” Chardoney said.

**Elsa Munoz**

Elsa Munoz, 9, daughter of Janice Munoz, is an April recipient of the Outstanding Academic Achievement Award.



Elsa Munoz

ent of the Outstanding Academic Achievement Award.

Elsa is a fourth grader at Latta Elementary in Latta, Okla. She was nominated by her fourth grade teacher, Marsha Reeves.

“Elsa Munoz is a hard working young lady,” Ms. Reeves said. “She is willing to learn new topics and always puts forth her best effort.” Elsa’s Hobbies include playing softball and basketball.

“I enjoy spending time with my sister and two brothers. My goal is to win a state basketball championship,” Elsa said.

Elsa’s other future goal is to become a nurse.

## Now taking applications for 2015-2016 Chickasaw Princesses Pageant

Applications are now available for the 2015-2016 Chickasaw Princess, Chickasaw Jr. Princess and Little Miss Chickasaw 2015-2016 Pageant.

Chickasaw royalty serve as ambassadors of the Chickasaw Nation at various functions and events across the country.

Chickasaw Princess candidates must be age 17-25; age 12-16 for Chickasaw Jr. Princess; and age 7-11 for Little Miss Chickasaw.

Candidates must also reside within the 13-county region of the Chickasaw Nation, be at least one-quarter Chickasaw, and a registered citizen of the Chickasaw Nation.

Chickasaw Jr. Princess and Little Miss Chickasaw candidates must attend school to be eligible for pageant entry. These candidates must submit their most recent grade report along with the application. A minimum 2.0 GPA is required and the candidate must be in good standing with the school.

Chickasaw Princess candidates must either attend school, be high school graduates, pursue higher education or specialized training, or be employed to be eligible for pageant entry. If a princess candidate is employed, her schedule must be somewhat flexible to accommodate her participation in tribal-related functions and other events.

In addition to the application, each candidate must also include

a copy of her CDIB and citizenship card, 5x7 photo (black and white or color) and references from three people who are not related to the candidate.

Candidates are also responsible for providing their own traditional dress, which includes a cotton dress and apron.

The Chickasaw Princess Pageant will be 6 p.m., Sept. 28 at the Ada Cougar Activity Center.

Application deadline is Aug. 28. Applications are available at [www.Chickasaw.net/youth](http://www.Chickasaw.net/youth) and at Chickasaw Nation Youth Services, 231 Seabrook Road, Ada, Oklahoma.

For more information, contact Mary Hartley, Chickasaw Princess Pageant coordinator, at (580) 310-9539 or (580) 272-7710.



2014-2015 Chickasaw Princess, Jr. Princess, and Little Miss Chickasaw.

## Little Miss Chickasaw Jazlyn Key

Chukma,

My name is Jazlyn Renee Key and I am your 2014 - 2015 Little Miss Chickasaw. I am the nine-year-old daughter of Summer Jones and Christopher Parish, of Sulphur. It has been an honor serving as your Little Miss Chickasaw this year. A few events I have participated in include “Twice Upon a Time” Reading is Fundamental Reading Challenge at the Chickasaw Head Start in Sulphur and performed at the Dynamic Women Conference at the Artesian Hotel. I have been part of many events this year, especially at the Chickasaw Cultural Center. I enjoyed meeting the “Frozen” cast at the area Children’s Christmas Celebrations.

We are currently taking classes to help us learn more of the Chickasaw language and culture. In our most recent class, we have been taught how to make beaded collars. In April, we went to Albuquerque, New Mexico for the 32nd Annual Gathering of Nations powwow at “The Pit” at the University of New Mexico. I was able to watch and meet a wide range of traditional dancers at the Gathering

Nations event. Some of the dancers include the Acoma Rain dancers of the Pueblo of Acoma, New Mexico, the Cellicion Zuni dancers of the Pueblo of Zuni, New Mexico, the Diamond Creek Crown Dancers of White River, Arizona and the Tenochtitlan Aztec dancers of Tenochtitlan, Mexico to mention the wide range of traditional dancers seen during the Gathering of Nations event.

Thursday evening the Chickasaw Princess, Chickasaw Jr. Princess and I attended the 2015 Miss Indian World Talent presentations in downtown Albuquerque. I had the privilege of participating in the grand entries on both Friday and Saturday. I saw a field of bright colors and beautiful regalia on the arena floor, filled with over 2000 dancers and visiting tribal royalty from across the United States. Walking in the grand entry at the Gathering of Nations powwow, I met dancers and princesses from across the United States. It will forever be a cherished memory as reign for Little Miss Chickasaw.

I really enjoyed going back to



the Chickasaw Head Start graduation in Ada, which is where I attended and graduated from just a few years back. This is one of the most important events to me personally and I am thankful to have been a part of this event.

I enjoy seeing family and friends at the various events we attend. I am having a blast during my reign and would like to encourage other girls to participate in the upcoming princess pageant this September. This is an excellent opportunity for young girls to be an ambassador for the great Unconquered and Unconquerable Chickasaw Nation.

Yakoke!

2014-2015 Little Miss Chickasaw Jazlyn Renee Key



# Chickasaw Warrior, iconic symbol, turns 10

ADA, Okla. – Affixed prominently in front of the Chickasaw Nation Headquarters stands the “Chickasaw Warrior,” a large bronze statue depicting the warrior tradition of the Chickasaw people. Dedicated 10 years ago, the sculpture has become an iconic symbol of the Chickasaw warrior spirit and can now be found throughout the state.

Earlier this year, the likeness of the “Chickasaw Warrior” was selected for use on the tribal license plates available to Chickasaw citizens.

Adorned in traditional regalia, “Chickasaw Warrior” portrays how

Chickasaw warriors looked before European contact. Culture and Humanities staff of the Chickasaw Nation worked with world-renowned Native American artist and statesman Enoch Kelly Haney to refine the details of the completed statue’s look.

Archaeological findings and written descriptions of Chickasaws from early Europeans were also used to create the image of “Chickasaw Warrior.” Clothing, physical appearance, weapons, jewelry and culturally-significant encoded messages were used in the creative process.

Notable features of the statue include the four feathers adorning his roached hair style and four feathers attached to his tree bark shield.

Early Chickasaws regarded the number four with spiritual reverence.

The number played a part in everyday life. Chickasaws continue to celebrate the number with the Four Corners Dance and positioning arbors in the four directions of the compass at stomp

dance grounds.

The sculpture has been duplicated throughout the Chickasaw Nation and Oklahoma. Reproductions of “Chickasaw Warrior” can be found within the Chickasaw Nation at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center in Ada and the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur.

According to Brad Deraamus, director of operations at the Cultural Center, the warrior is one of the most photographed sites at the facility.

“It is natural for visitors to gather underneath the statue for photos,” Mr. Deraamus said. “It is one of the first things patrons see as they enter the Cultural Center. The landscape is beautiful, and there is plenty of room for family photographs.”

Oklahoma Christian University (OCU) and Bacone College in Muskogee both have sculptures of the “Chickasaw Warrior” on their campuses. At OCU, a garden was designed and built to provide a proper setting for the statue. It was



Dignitaries gather before the “Chickasaw Warrior” sculpture in 2011 during its unveiling at Bacone College, Muskogee, Oklahoma. Pictured are Governor Bill Anoatubby and Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel, right, with former Bacone College President Rev. Dr. Robert J. Duncan, far left, and artist Enoch Kelly Haney.



The “Chickasaw Warrior” stands vigil at the entrance of Chickasaw Nation Medical Center. A replica of the original at Chickasaw Nation headquarters, the sculpture can also be found at the Chickasaw Cultural Center and other locations throughout the state.



The sculpture of the “Chickasaw Warrior” is one of the most photographed sites at the Chickasaw Cultural Center. The sculpture captures what a typical Chickasaw warrior may have looked like before European contact. The scenic landscape and location is an ideal location for family photos.

donated by the Chickasaw Nation and sculpted by OCU alumnus, Mr. Haney.

“Every little detail, from the color of the walkway to the layout of the garden, was carefully considered in order to create a space that is fitting for this great work of art,” OCU President Robert Henry said during the statue’s unveiling.

The “Chickasaw Warrior” dedication at Bacone College in 2011



A likeness of the iconic “Chickasaw Warrior” sculpture was selected for the new Chickasaw tribal license plates available to Chickasaw citizens.

had more than 300 people in attendance. The Chickasaw Nation Honor Guard posted the colors during the ceremony.

The statue can also be found in the Oklahoma City Bricktown District. Just east of downtown Oklahoma City, the “Chickasaw Warrior” celebrates the tribe’s commitment to the continued growth and urban revitalization of the former ware-

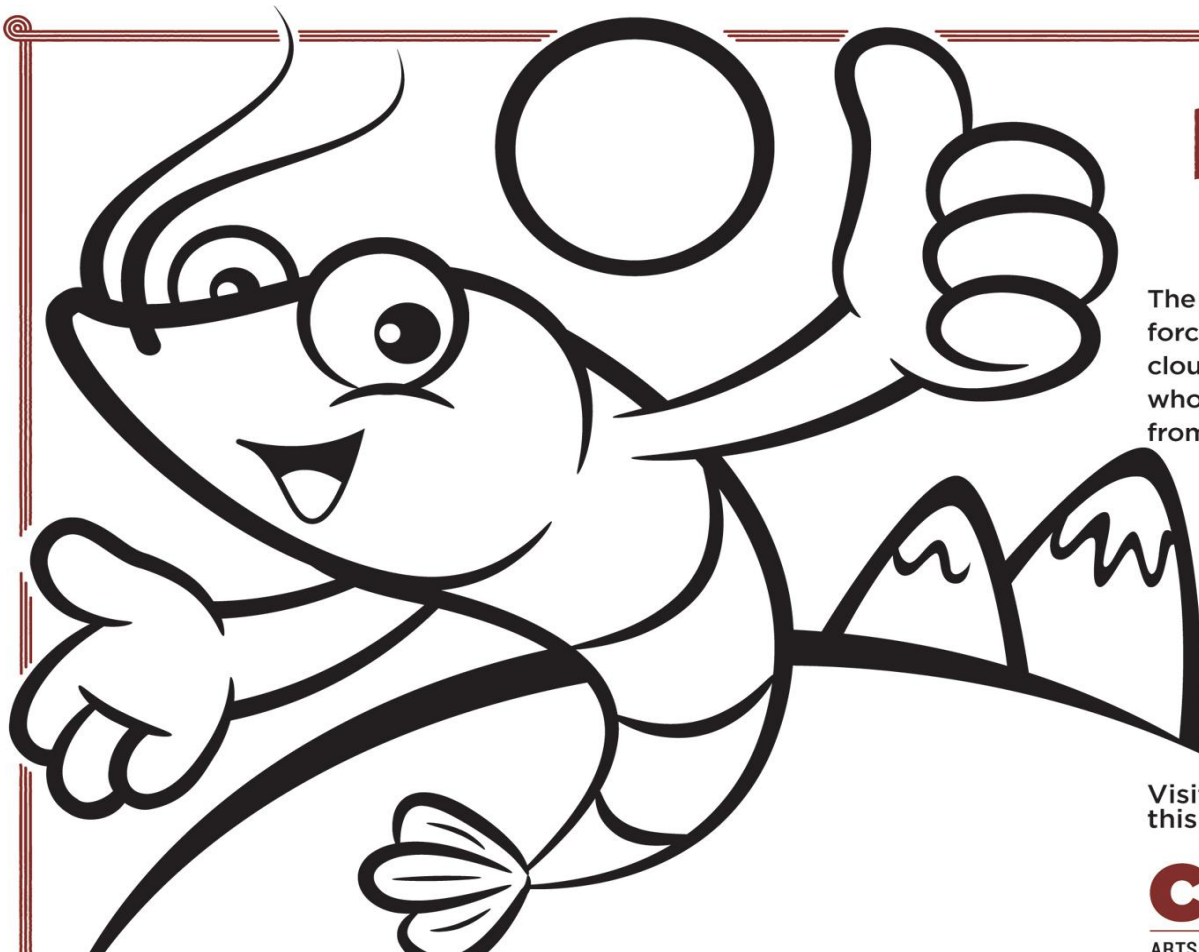
house district. **CONTRIBUTED BY KC Cole, Public Affairs.**



Governor Bill Anoatubby and Native American artist Enoch Kelly Haney were present at the dedication ceremony of the Chickasaw Garden at Oklahoma City University in 2011. The “Chickasaw Warrior” is the centerpiece of the garden. From left are Rev. David Wilson, architect Brent Wall, artist Enoch Kelly Haney, former OCU professor Bud Sahmaunt, Gov. Bill Anoatubby and OCU President Robert Henry.



The “Chickasaw Warrior” sculpture stands prominently in front of the Chickasaw Nation Headquarters in Ada, Okla. Unveiled in 2005, five other renditions of the bronze sculpture can be found throughout Oklahoma.



Yaakni' Mema | Chickasaw word for “Ground/Earth”

## DISCOVER

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The Chickasaw believed in a supreme being, a composite force consisting of the four beloved things above: the sun, clouds, clear sky and “He who dwells above the heavens,” whom we called Aba’ Binni’ li’. Aba’ Binni’ li’ made all men from the dust of Mother Earth. The crawfish brought up mud from the bottom of the waters to form the earth. Crawfish piled the wet soil until he formed a large mass we call Mother Earth, and didn’t like the flat land so he asked Raven to help him make valleys and mountains. The part of Aba’ Binni’ li’ closest to the Chickasaw was the sun, the great holy fire above. It was then represented in each tribal town by a sacred fire.

Interpreted by Juanita Byars

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## To Native American Farmers or Ranchers or the heir of one who was denied a USDA farm loan or loan servicing between 1981 and late 1999

Some funds paid in settlement of *Keepseagle v. Vilsack* remain unclaimed and will be distributed in accordance with a process established by the Court. The case claimed that USDA discriminated against Native Americans who applied for or tried to apply for farm loans or loan servicing. The Court seeks input from class members about how the remaining funds should be distributed. Of the \$680 million paid to settle the case, approximately \$380 million remains. The Settlement Agreement approved by the Court directs that unclaimed funds be given to non-profit organizations to serve Native American farmers and ranchers.

The deadline to file a claim has passed. **There is no new claims process.**

### Who is included?

The Class *includes* all Native American farmers and ranchers who:

- Farmed or ranched or attempted to do so between January 1, 1981 and November 24, 1999;
- Tried to get a farm loan or loan servicing from the USDA during that period; and
- Complained about discrimination to the USDA either on their own or through a representative during the time period.

The class *does not include* individuals who:

- Experienced discrimination only between January 1 and November 23 1997; or
- Complained of discrimination only between July 1 and November 23, 1997.

### Proposed use of the Funds

There are several competing options for how to distribute the funds.

*First*, Plaintiffs propose to modify the Settlement Agreement, subject to Court approval, to distribute the funds as follows:

- \$342 million distributed by a Trust, overseen by Native American leaders, to non-profit groups to serve Native farmers & ranchers over a 20 year period.
- \$38 million be distributed quickly to non-profit organizations serving Native farmers & ranchers, identified by Class Counsel and approved by the Court.

The Trust would make grants to organizations providing business assistance, agricultural education, technical support, or advocacy services to Native American farmers and ranchers, including those seeking to become farmers or ranchers, to support and promote their continued engagement in agriculture. The USDA has agreed with this proposal.

*Second*, Marilyn Keepseagle proposes to distribute all remaining funds as additional damages paid to successful Track A claimants alone. The USDA opposes this proposal.

*Third*, other class members have asked to use the funds to pay claims that were initially denied or to permit new claims to be filed.

*Fourth*, the Choctaw Nation has argued that no changes should be made.

### How can I share my views?

If you want to tell the Court of your support of or opposition to any proposal for use of the remaining funds, you may submit written comments, postmarked no later than **June 15, 2015**, to:

Chambers of the Honorable Emmet G. Sullivan  
U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia  
333 Constitution Avenue N.W.  
Washington, DC 20001

The Court will hold a hearing on **June 29, 2015** at **9:00 AM EDT** in Courtroom 24A at the address above. If you want to speak to the Court in person, you may attend the hearing. Your written comments will be considered by the Court even if you do not attend the hearing.

**For more detailed information call 1-888-233-5506 or see**  
**[www.IndianFarmClass.com](http://www.IndianFarmClass.com)**



## Danny Wayne Ward



Danny Wayne Ward, 55, of Ada, Okla., died Wednesday, April 15, 2015, at his home.

Mr. Ward was born May 16, 1959, at Dodson, Texas, to Clarence and Annie Donaghey Walton. He married Marla Faye Bell April 12, 1989, at the Homer Baptist Church.

He was a transportation driver and a member of the Methodist faith.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother.

Survivors include his wife, Marla, of the home; two sisters, Sue Frazier, of Ada, and Shirley Shatswell, of Yukon, Okla.; a brother, Johnny Wilson, of Ada; a niece, Joann Redbird Laughlin, of Ada; two nephews, Michael Frazier and Jacob Frazier, both of Ada; mother-in-law, Maxine McWethy; and other loving relatives and friends.

Services were at the Criswell Funeral Home Chapel. Mr. Wendell Ingram officiated. Burial followed in High Hill Cemetery.

Bearers were Ronald Frazier, Edison Seeley, Christopher Tomlinson, Jerry Bell, Josh Laughlin and Billy Ward.

## Edna Fundis Bremer



Edna Fundis Bremer, age 79, of Smithson Valley, Texas died April 21, 2015.

Mrs. Bremer was born November 25, 1935 in Maud, Okla., to Charles and Mary Caroline Dawson Fundis, of Wanette, Okla. She was the granddaughter of Valye Burney Dawson, and great-granddaughter of Wesley B. Burney, of Burneyville, Okla.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and her sisters, Valye Fundis and Mary Caroline Pybas.

She is survived by her husband of 52 years, Curtis W. Bremer; a son, Dawson Bremer and wife, Brooke, of San Antonio, Texas; a daughter, Julianne Kugle and husband, Chris, of Houston, Texas; grandchildren, Blair H. Bremer, Kathryn D. Bremer, Charles D. Kugle, and George C. Kugle; sisters, Sarah Tillman and Charlene Fundis; and nieces and nephews, Larry Watford and wife, Sarah, Marcia Hill and husband, Reagan, James Tillman, Robert Tillman and wife, Jola, and Mary Caroline Bauer and husband, Mike.

Mrs. Bremer attended Wanette schools and graduated from Oklahoma State University in 1957 with degrees in interior design and education. She worked as a clothes designer in Dallas and Kater Frock in New Braunfels before teaching at Bulverde Elementary. She was proud of her Oklahoma and Chickasaw Indian roots and loved her husband's German family and heritage, which led to a life-long love of history, nature and early Texas antiques. An avid collector, she enjoyed antiquing and garage sales with her sisters.

Edna also loved ranch life, especially all of the wildlife and her barn cats. Her other favorite past time was visiting with friends and family, and drinking coffee until all hours of the night. She was a loving wife, mother, sister and grandmother and will be greatly missed by all.

The family would like to thank special friends and loved ones, Rusty and Cindy Henk, Joy Alexander, Felicia Klearner and Pete Matamoras.

Funeral services were at First Protestant Church, 172 West Coll Street, New Braunfels, Texas on April 23, 2015 with family burial following in Wanette, Okla. on April 25, 2015. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in the memory of Edna Bremer be made to either of the following: Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation, 335 Old Blanco Road, Kendalia, Texas 78027 or The Chickasaw Foundation, P.O. Box 1726, Ada, Oklahoma 74821-1726 (gifts.chickasawfoundation.org).

## Donald Gene Prather



In Loving Memory  
of  
Donald Gene Prather

July 9, 1934 - May 24, 2013  
I thought of you with love today  
2 years ago, since you went away  
I thought of you yesterday and  
days before that too:  
I think of you in silence  
I often speak your name  
All I have are memories of you  
Your picture in a frame  
Your memory is my keepsake  
With which I'll never part  
God has you in His keeping  
And I have you in my heart  
I will always love and miss you  
Your beloved wife,  
Peggy Sue Prather

## Juanita Evans



Juanita Evans, 88, died Friday, March 20, 2015, in Ardmore, Okla. She was born on September 14, 1926, in Fillmore, Okla., to Walter and Mary Holden.

She attended Fillmore Schools and was raised in church. As a child she was Presbyterian and when she was older, became a Pentecostal minister. She was well known for helping people, especially young people. She was always taking a pick-up load of people to church and always made sure no one left her house hungry. She was a prayer warrior! She was very much loved.

Juanita was preceded in death by her parents, Walter and Mary Holden; husband, L.B. "Red" Evans, Sr.; two brothers, Amos and Dan Holden; three sisters, Bertha Taylor, Pearl Walls, and Josephine Gleason; two daughters, Mary Lou Smith and Inata Diann Evans; one son, Matthew Cass; and a great-grandson, Na'Thias Marshall.

Juanita is survived by four daughters; Natalie McCall and husband, Randy, of Purcell, Okla.; Linda John and husband, Johnny, of Ardmore, Okla.; Carolyn Turner, of Oklahoma City, and Norma Parker and husband, Dennis, of Lone Grove, Okla.; one son, L.B. Evans Jr., of Ardmore; twenty-two grandchildren; Floyd McCracken of Oklahoma City, Shelley Burkett and husband, John, of Oklahoma City, Tipton Smith, of Ardmore, Leslie Johnson and husband, Johnny, of Lone Grove, Christie Ivie and husband, Martin, of Ardmore, James Conn, Jr., of Wayne, Okla., Jennifer Woods and husband, Jeff, of Lexington, Okla., Robin Sanders, of Ardmore, Robert Sanders and wife, Jennifer, of Tulsa, Okla., Randa Sanders and husband, Jared, of Ardmore, Anthony Cass-Reed, of Ardmore, Brandon Evans, of Cushing, Okla., Tasha Lovell, of Lone Grove, Daniel Lovell and wife, Brittany, of Ardmore, George Lovell and wife, Cadie, of Springer, Okla., LaRoyce Evans, of Oklahoma City, Levi Evans and wife, Charlene, of Conway, Ark., Troy McKay, of Antlers, Okla., Billy McKay, of Antlers, Samantha McKay and husband, B.J. Hedgecock, of Antlers, Stephanie Perritte and husband, Glynn, of Durant, Okla., and Mica; forty-seven great-grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Levi Evans, Daniel Lovell, George Lovell, James Conn Jr., Tipton Smith, and Anthony Cass-Reed. Honorary pallbearers were Dustin Conn, LaRoyce Evans, and Robert Sanders.

Funeral services were Monday, March 23, 2015, in The Chapel at Griffin-Hillcrest, Ardmore, Okla., with Minister Randy McCall and Floyd McCracken officiating. Interment followed in Rose Hill Cemetery, Ardmore, Okla.

## Edna Mae Baken



Edna Mae Baken, 77, was born October 21, 1937 in Fillmore, Okla., to Amos James and Mary (John) James. She grew up and attended school there and was a lifelong resident of the area. She worked as a cook for different businesses, but mostly for the Chickasaw Nation Head Start program. At one time, she and her daughters managed the Varsity Cleaners in Tishomingo, Okla. She loved speaking the Chickasaw language, her church, family gatherings and all her kids. She was also a Christian woman and loved the Lord.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Frank D. "Snake" James; a niece, Pam Green; and two grandchildren, Robin and Seth.

She is survived by her children, James Baken, of Durant, Okla., Annie Byars and husband, Buck, of Ada, Okla., Jackie Baken, Renee Baken, Tim Baken and Michael Baken, all of Fillmore; eleven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; three sisters, Dorothy Green, of Tishomingo, Okla., Ruby Harnner, of Fillmore, and Sue Pidgoue and husband, Hotshot, of Fillmore; two brothers, Ruben James and wife, Rose, of Coleman, Okla., and Ronnie James and wife, Hazel, of Morrison, Okla.; and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Services were Saturday, May 2, 2015 at the Sandy Creek Presbyterian Church and Brother Allen Beck officiated, assisted by Brother Tony Poe and Brother Randy Wade. Interment followed in the Sandy Creek Cemetery. Pallbearers for the service were: Jeff Alberson, Jerry Johnson, Amanda Leadford, E. J. Green, Byers Baken and Greg Russell. Honorary bearers were: Mike Loper, Thomas Baken, Edgar Morales, Francis Russell, Tracy James and Todd Taylor.

## Margie Lea (Underwood) Reed



Margie Lea (Underwood) Reed, 89, of Ada, Okla., formerly Seminole, Okla., died Monday, April 27, 2015 in Ardmore, Okla. She was born April 9, 1926 in Tishomingo, Okla., to Gladys Lea (Gregg) Underwood and Robert Lee Underwood.

She attended Chilocco Indian School, which was an agricultural school for Native Americans located in north-central Oklahoma. She was a proud member of the Chickasaw Nation of Oklahoma.

She was a homemaker and was a member of the First Indian Baptist Church in Ada, Okla.

On November 19, 1999 Margie married Warren Reed in Ada, Okla. He preceded her in death in 2014.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Gladys and Robert Underwood; one grandson, Or-lan Johnson; and her first husband and the father of her children, Gene Berry, who died in January of 1984.

She leaves to cherish her memory two daughters and a son-in-law, Jan and Ken Jackson, of Seminole, Okla., and Jacqueline Sesso, of Corpus Christi, Texas; three grandchildren, Warren and his wife, Sandy Johnson, of Seminole, Mark and his wife, Yvonne Johnson, of Atlanta, Ga., Jamie Sesso, of Corpus Christi, Texas; four great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and a host of other family and dear friends.

Funeral services were Friday, May 1, 2015 at Swearingen Funeral Home Chapel in Seminole, Okla. Interment followed in Rest Haven Memorial Gardens in Seminole, Okla., and Rev. Carl Whitfield officiated the service.

Pallbearers were Warren Johnson, Mark Johnson, Blake Johnson, Bubba Hudson, Ken Jackson and Mike White.

## Lady Tonopah Colbert



Lady Tonopah Colbert, 86, of Denver, Colo. died April 16, 2015. She was born Aug. 9, 1929 in Washington, D. C.

She grew up in Oklahoma and attended Central High School in Tulsa, Okla. She moved to Denver, Colo., in 1949. She was a civilian employee of the U.S. Air Force for over 20 years serving as a supervisor of military personnel clerks. Tonopah led a full and active life. She was a member of the Autobahn Society, a member of the International Toastmistress Club in Denver for over 20 years and president from August 1973 to July 1974. She was also a member of the Denver Botanical Gardens, Denver fencing club, Denver genealogical society and an elder in the local chapter of the Chickasaw council. She was a member of the Oklahoma Historical Society and worked extensively on the Colbert family history.

She was preceded in death by her father, Benjamin Horace Colbert, and mother, Ruth Lee (Graft) Colbert; her sister, Pacaunla "Connie" (Colbert) Dowell; and her brother, Sequoia "Bud" Colbert.

She is survived by son, Clarence Maxwell Scaggs and wife, Beverly, of Loveland, Colo.; her son, David Rex Kellner and wife, Marilyn, of Denver; her grandson, Kyle Maxwell Scaggs and wife, Amy, of Irving, Texas; granddaughter, Carrie Michelle Cooke and her husband, Bryan, of Ada, Okla.; granddaughter, Shannon Louise Shaw, of Ada; eight great grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; and many nieces and nephews.

Her choice was to be cremated with her ashes spread over her native land of Oklahoma. In lieu of flowers, please make donations in her name to the Autobahn Society.

## Correction

The obituary for Alice Mae Phillips was printed in the May edition of the *Chickasaw Times*. In that obituary, it stated that Ms. Phillips was survived by her husband. That statement was incorrect. Ms. Phillips' husband preceded her in death.

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# Chickasaw Reunion

KULLIHOMA - The sun shone brightly on a cool May morning for the 18th Annual Chikasha Ittafama (Chickasaw Reunion). Stickball players could be heard singing as they danced before the game.

For the first time in reunion history, Chickasaw Nation History and Culture organized a traditional men's stickball game. The idea was sparked after a trip by Ric Greenwood, Language Outreach Specialist, to the Mississippi homelands.

Mr. Greenwood and Josh Hinson, Director of Language Department, went to great lengths researching all aspects of traditional ball play through archival records, accounts in books, historic photos and working with other Southeastern tribes.

Members of Chikasha Toli, the Chickasaw stickball team, wanted to experience what it would have been like for their ancestors playing stickball. The Chickasaw men and carefully selected players from other tribes, met on the field wearing traditional dress made by History and Culture.

Red and black breech cloths matching the team colors, east side wearing red, west side wearing black. The goals, made by Kullihoma stomp grounds staff, were created to resemble those from historic accounts, sized 3 ½ feet by 8 feet, in the shape of doors. Points were scored by launching the ball through the goal. This is quite different from the modern day stickball goals, which is a pole that can be shot at from any angle.

Among the other ritual-styled elements of the preparing for the game included some of the players fasting 24 hours beforehand.

"Fasting was part of the ceremony and I wanted them to experience what our ancestors went through in preparation," Mr. Greenwood said. "For a lot of the players, it was their first time to fast. I think they appreciated the game more by fasting because

they had more of a connection with the game."

Stickball was traditionally played in conjunction with the Green Corn Ceremony, a spring-time harvest celebration.

"It's not just a competition," Mr. Hinson said. "It's part of the whole process where you are sacrificing your body for the greater, for your people, because it's Green Corn. All the house fires would be put out and the religious leaders would start new fires. You dance all night and you have been fasting for four days. You take medicine and play ball. Then, they would relight all the house fires. Green corn was the biggest ceremony of the whole year, so even just a taste of that was kind of cool."

In preparation for the game, the men did traditional dances, stomp dance, friendship dance and said a prayer. The game was timed and came down to sudden death, with the east team winning the competition.

History and Culture hopes to continue playing a traditional men's stickball game each reunion, and conduct research to make the game as accurate as possible.

The 18th annual Chikasha Ittafama was May 1-2 on the grounds at Kullihoma. Hundreds of Chickasaws and guests gathered this year for an opportunity to experience culture, tradition and fellowship.

**Winners from Chikasha Ittafama:**  
**Adult Stickball Tournament:** First Place-Tvshka Hommma



East and West teams line up after the traditional men's stickball game during Chikasha Ittafama May 2.

Second Place-Chikasha Toli  
Third Place-Nighthawks  
**Chunky Tournament:**  
First Place -David Nucosee  
Second Place -Nicole Shultz  
**Washer Tournament:**  
First Place -William Hickman Jr  
Second Place -Phillip Cravatt Sr  
Third Place -Rosie Postoak  
**Horseshoes Tournament:**  
First Place -singles-Bunky Impson  
Second Place -singles-Michael Lindsey Sr  
Third Place-singles-David Davis  
**Horseshoes Doubles Tournament:**  
First Place -doubles-George Johnson; Danny Walker  
Second Place -doubles-Dave Davis; Bunky Impson  
**Ringer Contest:**  
Bunky Impson  
Cornstalk Shooting:  
First Place -Chris Foreman  
Second Place -John Brown  
Third Place-Gina Foreman  
**Loksi (Turtle) Race**  
First Place-Chandler Schultz  
Second Place-Levi Wilson  
Third Place-Mieiah Pigeon  
**Fishing Derby**  
Biggest Fish-Jalen Johnson  
Most Fish and Smallest Fish-Sunzie Harrison  
**Domino Tournament Winners:**  
Vera Hughes and James Perry  
For more information on Chikasha Ittafama, contact Chickasaw Nation Cultural Resources at (580) 332-8685.

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# Dr. Goodnight stresses discovering one's culture, passion and vision at Dynamic Women Conference

SULPHUR, Okla. - "Beyond Pink: Breaking Boundaries" was the theme for this year's 2015 Dynamic Women of the Year Conference and Forum. The two-day conference was at the Artesian Hotel and Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur, April 16-17.

The conference featured two compelling sessions, three forum panels and the keynote speaker Dr. Karen Goodnight, owner and manager of Goodnight and Associates, LLC.

Dr. Goodnight's firm specializes in high-level executive performance coaching, strategic planning and leadership and organization development. She has spent many years training tribal leaders and has promoted economic opportunities for the Chickasaw Nation. Dr. Goodnight has more than 17 years experience in executive leadership and management. She is particularly skilled at helping individuals identify and



2014 Dynamic Woman of the Year and Keynote speaker Dr. Karen Goodnight during the 2015 Dynamic Women Conference and Forum April 16 at the Artesian Hotel & Spa.

develop their unique leadership strengths and talents.

During the conference Dr. Goodnight shared some concepts she has applied to her life and guided her to success. She stressed the importance of "knowing your culture and story, finding your focus and discovering your passion, seeking your vision and becoming the outcome."

"'Beyond Pink and Breaking Boundaries' has a very special meaning for all of us," Dr. Goodnight said. "Now more than ever, our

society needs us. We, as women, are continuously breaking the glass ceilings. We have strength in numbers and can empower each other to seek our vision and achieve our dreams. We are the game changers, we set the bar high for our success, exceeding our own expectations."

Session speakers included Janie Hipp, University of Arkansas Director of Indigenous Food and Agriculture, and Mary Ruth Barnes, of the American Cancer Association.

Breakout session speakers and topics included Johnna Payne Hurt, "Standing Our Ground: Advocating and Protecting Child's Right to Family & Culture"; Dr. Lynne Hindman, "A College & University Degree Partnership"; and Natasha Wagner, "Native Identity in Art: A Chickasaw Artist's Journey and Perspective."

The first day concluded with a creative view panel discussion featuring Teri Center, Heather Ahtone and Dr. Tina Cooper.

The second day of the Conference and Forum was at the Chickasaw Cultural Center, with the Next Generation Panel featuring fashion designers RYanne Jordan and Jay Fife, hoop dancer Meaghan Carney and champion diver Kaylea Arnett.

A second forum panel featured a discussion with Janie Hipp, Director of Indigenous Food and Agriculture and Dr. Amanda Cobb-Greetham, Director, Native American Studies, University of Oklahoma.

Chickasaw Nation Arts and Humanities and East Central University's Chickasaw Clemente Humanities Studies program presented the annual Dynamic Women of the Chickasaw Nation Conference and Forum. The conference and forum recognizes the strength and leadership of Chickasaw women from all walks of life and salutes the valuable contributions, talents and skills of Chickasaw women

For more information on the Dynamic Women Conference and Forum, contact Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities at (580) 272-5520.

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